

**THE KANSAS CUP**  
**FORMAT AND PROCEDURES FOR 2020**  
**\*COVID-19 Updated\***

The Kansas Cup is a team competition modeled after the popular Ryder Cup. Each team is comprised of fourteen players. Match assignments have been modified for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please read the 2020 Schedule for the modified schedule of events and format for the 16 clubs participating in the 2020 Kansas Cup.

**SPIRIT OF THE COMPETITION:**

The Kansas Cup is a team competition open to any Central Links Golf member club (its amateur members and bona fide golf professionals that are members or employees of the club). It is designed to foster healthy competition among golfers of the state of Kansas in a team format. The rules of the Competition are designed to promote a fair playing field for all participating clubs and players.

**TEAM ELIGIBILITY:**

The Kansas Cup is a team competition open to any Central Links Golf member club.

**TEAM COMPOSITION AND INDIVIDUAL PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

The team from each club is composed of fourteen (14) players, male or female (female team members may play from tees equivalent to 75% of the yardage used for their male opponent).

The team members may change from one round to the next, as not every player may be available to play in each round. The individual player is a member of the member club and on the GHIN handicap system at that club. No individual shall participate as a team member of more than one club in the Kansas Cup. Each club is advised to establish a fair method for team composition, whether by qualification tournament or other objective criteria.

*Amateurs Eligibility:*

- *Age.* Amateur players can be any age with the following exceptions: Amateur golfers must not be in high school or currently a member of a collegiate golf team (at any level).
- *Limit on Number of Clubs Represented.* No player (amateurs only) may compete for more than one Kansas Cup team during a particular calendar year.
- *Handicap Index.* All players must have an active USGA/GHIN handicap established at the club they represent (this rule does not apply to golf professionals).
- *Maximum Handicap Index.* The maximum course handicap any player may use during a Net Match is 18 strokes (24 total team handicap strokes in a Net Match). Players with a course handicap index higher than 18 are eligible to compete, but will have their handicap allocation reduced to 18 strokes. The maximum team course handicap a team may use during a Net Match is 24 strokes.
- *Number of Scores Posted.* Team members must have posted 18-hole scores at the course they are representing pursuant to the following schedule:
  - Between September 1, 2019 and date of first 2020 Kansas Cup Match played – at least 1 score posted
  - By June 1 – at least 2 scores posted
  - By July 1 – at least 3 scores posted
  - By July 31 – at least 4 scores posted
  - By August 21 – at least 5 scores posted

*Professionals Eligibility:*

- Professionals may only participate in the Professional/Amateur Four-Ball Match.
- Golf professionals must be either a member of the club or a bona fide employee/contractor of the club. Questions regarding eligibility for professionals should be referred to the office for resolution.
- Professionals that are current applicants for amateur reinstatement are eligible to compete in any Kansas Cup match format while they are awaiting amateur reinstatement from the USGA (USGA Rules of Amateur Status).

**FORMAT OF MATCHES:**

Teams shall designate fourteen (14) players for each round, who shall play the following matches with eight points available:

- Open Modified Chapman Alternate Shot Match (played at scratch and any age players)
- Senior Modified Chapman Alternate Shot Match (played at scratch and both players age 50 & older)
- Professional/Amateur Four-Ball Match (played at scratch and with any combination of professionals and amateurs representing the side... i.e. Professional/Professional, Pro/Amateur, Amateur/Amateur)
- Open Handicap Four-Ball Match (24 handicap strokes team max, 18 handicap strokes player max - any age players)
- Senior Handicap Four-Ball Match (24 handicap strokes team max, 18 handicap strokes player max - both players age 50 & older)
- Open/Senior Mixed Four-Ball Match (played at scratch and one player on team must be age 50 & older)
- Open Singles Match (played at scratch and any age player)
- Senior Singles Match (played at scratch and player age 50 & older)

**PLAYING MATCHES WITH SHORT ROSTERS:**

Team matches must be played in the team size and match composition described in the Kansas Cup regulations (under Format of Matches detailed above).

**NUMBER OF SCORES POSTED:**

Any team member participating in any match format in the Kansas Cup must have an active GHIN Handicap number at the member club they are representing in the Kansas Cup.

Team members must have posted 18-hole scores at the course they are representing pursuant to the following schedule:

- By first match played – at least 2 scores posted
- By July 1 – at least 3 scores posted
- By July 31 – at least 4 scores posted
- By August 21 – at least 5 scores posted

Scores posted for a Kansas Cup Match may be counted. The use of an ineligible player will result in the forfeiture of the match point involved.

**TEAM CAPTAIN:**

Each club team shall designate a team captain. The team captain shall be responsible for:

- Communication with the other team captains in your division and Central Links Golf office regarding schedule and arrangements.
- Submitting the team line-up to your opponent for each round.
- Reporting the results of each round to the Central Links Golf office.
- Representing the club team in matters of disputes or claims.
- Verifying that each team member has an active GHIN Handicap Index number at the club they are representing (this rule does not apply to golf professionals).
- Verifying that each team member has the appropriate number of scores posted in the GHIN Handicap System.
- The team captain may be the club's golf professional, but it is suggested that an amateur club member may be more appropriate so not to put the golf professional in a difficult position with his members concerning issues of team composition or match assignments.

**COMPETITION:**

Match Play, 18 holes. Each match is contested for one point. The following matches are played in each round:

- Open Modified Chapman Alternate Shot Match (played at scratch and any age players)
- Senior Modified Chapman Alternate Shot Match (played at scratch and both players age 50 & older)
- Professional/Amateur Four-Ball Match (played at scratch and with any combination of professionals and amateurs representing the side... i.e. Professional/Professional, Pro/Amateur, Amateur/Amateur)
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- Open Singles Match (played at scratch and any age player)
- Senior Singles Match (played at scratch and player age 50 & older)

In the two Net Four-Ball Matches, the total team course handicap may not exceed 24 strokes, and no individual player's course handicap may exceed 18 strokes. Reductions may be made in the manner determined by the team captain.

**STARTING TIMES & ORDER OF PLAY:**

The home team shall set aside approximately one hour for starting times. The order of the Matches shall be as follows unless mutually agreed upon by both team captains involved the match:

- Open Scratch Modified Chapman Alternate Shot Match
- Senior Scratch Modified Chapman Alternate Shot Match
- Scratch Singles Matches (Open and Senior)
- Scratch Professional/Amateur Four-Ball Match
- Open Handicap Four-Ball Match
- Senior Handicap Four-Ball Match
- Open/Senior Mixed Scratch Four-Ball Match

**TEES & FORMAT:**

The following matches shall be played from the back or championship tees: Professional/Amateur Four-Ball Match and the Open Singles Match.

All other matches shall be played from the middle tees.

Modified Chapman match (alternate shot): Each team member plays a stroke from the tee of each hole. The partners then play a stroke at their partner's ball. The team then selects the ball to be played out for the remainder of the hole, alternating the strokes made with the ball selected. Penalty strokes do not affect the order of play.

On the day of the competition, the team captain shall complete a team roster in the form contained herein, and exchange the roster with the opposing team captain. The listing of team members on the roster shall determine the pairings for the round.

**FORFEITS:**

Any Kansas Cup team that wins a Round of 16 match by forfeit (no matches played) shall be deemed to have won eight (8) match points.

**CARTS AND GREEN FEES:**

During matches, players may walk or use carts. No green fee or cart fee is to be charged by the host clubs.