

## 2009 METROPOLITAN CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

### RULES OF PLAY

1. Metropolitan Cup Competition consists of six (6) matches:
  - Two (2) amateur singles matches at scratch
  - One (1) amateur singles match with handicap
  - Two (2) amateur four-ball matches with handicap
  - One (1) professional match at scratchEach team consists of eight (8) team members: seven (7) amateurs and one (1) professional.
2. The “line-up card” for each team shall be exchanged between teams before each round of competition begins. Team line-up may vary from round to round. Eligibility of players shall be restricted to team members who are at least twenty-five (25) years of age. Each participant must have a current certified USGA GHIN Handicap Index.
3. The two singles scratch players will be seeded 1 and 2 and shall compete against their corresponding seed.
4. The four-ball teams will be seeded 1 and 2 and shall compete against their corresponding seed with handicap.
5. Four-ball matches and singles handicap matches will be as follows:
  - **Four-Ball:** Reduce the handicaps of all four players by the handicap of the low-handicapped player, who shall play from scratch. Allow each of the three other players 100 percent of the resulting difference. (See Section 9-4, Handicap Allowances, page 41 in the USGA Handicap System.)
  - **Singles:** The higher-handicapped player receives the full difference between the Course Handicaps of the two players; the lower-handicapped player shall play from scratch. (See Section 9-4, Handicap Allowances, page 67 in the USGA Handicap System.)  
**Note:** In connection with the scratch single matches (amateur and professional) and in the handicap singles matches, if those matches are grouped with another singles match, those fellow team members are **not** partners by definition under the Rules of Golf. Consequently, a player may **not** receive advice (see Rule 8-1) from his teammate playing in another singles match, but in his same group. Also, the Order of Play must be determined by each individual match. (For example, teammates in the same group but in different matches, may **not** play in the order they consider best)
  - Maximum individual handicap index is 25.4. Refer to applicable course handicap table to convert USGA Handicap index to applicable handicap at the course.
6. All matches are to be conducted from the Men’s tees. All matches will be 18 holes.
7. Each match is worth one (1) point or one-half (½) point for a tie.
8. In the event of a tie at the end of the competition, one amateur singles competitor from each team will compete in a sudden death play-off at scratch. Participants must have played in amateur singles matches on that day of the competition.
9. USGA Rules shall govern all play except where modified by applicable local rules.

10. It is the team captain's responsibility to schedule and complete each match by the designated deadline. Each round will last approximately three weeks. Matches should be scheduled early in the allotted time period in the event a scheduling conflict arises. Should a scheduling conflict occur and competition cannot be held at the designated course, the competition shall be moved to the opponent's course. **The Championship Committee reserves the right to resolve all scheduling disputes, including forfeit of one (1) or both teams if rounds are not completed timely.**
11. **It is the home course's responsibility to fax results (using the attached form) to the Metropolitan office after completion of play.**
12. Metropolitan recommends that all singles matches, if possible, should be played in groupings of two (2) and four-ball matches to be played in groupings of four (4). If groupings of two (2) cannot be facilitated for singles matches, both scratch singles matches shall be played together and the handicap singles match shall play with the professional singles match. Home team shall comp all green fees. Carts and/or caddies are to be utilized at the players expense.
13. In the event of a suspension of play, all completed matches will stand; all suspended matches will resume at a mutually convenient time. Matches not completed shall resume at the location where play was suspended. If the players were between the play of two holes, play will resume at the next hole after the last hole completed prior to the suspension.
14. Draws for opening round matches will be determined by the Metropolitan. A flip of a coin will determine home course advantage for all subsequent rounds. The team captain will be notified as to each draw.
15. Home club dress code to apply. Home club team captain to have final determination whether or not dress code has been met.
16. Final match to be arranged at a neutral site selected by the Metropolitan. Complimentary cocktail buffet and presentation of the Metropolitan Cup will be held at the conclusion of the final match.
17. **Application must be received with payment no later than Friday, April 10, 2009.**

**METROPOLITAN CUP CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE**

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