#  KWAZULU-NATAL GOLF UNION

## TO ALL INTER-CLUB CAPTAINS

 **The 2024 KwaZulu-Natal Inter-Club Tournament will take place at**

**PORT SHEPSTONE CC, SOUTHBROOM CC and**

**MARGATE GC**

**OCTOBER 25th, 26th and 27th, 2024**

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**TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS**

Entry forms for the 2024 **KwaZulu-Natal Inter-Club Tournament** are enclosed herewith.

There has been a **change to the scoring format of the Frogs and Senior Frogs at the 2024 Inter-Club** tournament.

The scoring system implemented in these 2 Divisions will now be **Individual Stableford** and no longer Medal Stableford. The maximum Playing Handicap for all players in these Divisions will remain at 18.

We will be using 2 courses for the Matchplay and Alliance Finals – Port Shepstone CC and Southbroom CC.

All of the teams that finish in the top 4 of their Divisions and qualify to play in the Matchplay segment of the tournament will be playing at Port Shepstone CC on Sunday.

Those 6 teams and ties that qualify for the Alliance competition will be playing at Southbroom CC on Sunday.

All players in the Matchplay Finals at Port Shepstone CC and the Alliance Competition at Southbroom CC may use motorised golf carts which are for the players’ account.

The 2024 venues are Port Shepstone CC, Southbroom CC and Margate GC.:

“A” Division will play at Port Shepstone CC on Friday and at Margate CC on Saturday.

“B Division will play at Margate CC on Friday and at Port Shepstone CC on Saturday.

“Frogs” will play at Margate CC and Southbroom CC alternatively on Friday/Saturday.

“Senior Frogs” will play at Port Shepstone CC and Southbroom CC as SF 1 and SF2 alternatively on Friday/Saturday.

All Match Play rounds will be played at Port Shepstone CC on Sunday.

All Alliance rounds will be played at Southbroom CC on Sunday.

**Clubs are requested to ensure that all their players are aware of these Guidelines and to place the “2024 Interclub Guidelines” on the club notice board.**

**The names of all players with their required details are to be submitted together with the Entry Form.**

**If there are any changes to team names prior to the Tournament, the KZNGU on duty at the respective club must be notified at Registration prior to commencement of play on the Friday.**

**RETURNING OF SCORE CARDS**

**IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL 4 PLAYERS REPORT TO THE KZNGU SCORER WITH THEIR SCORECARDS**

**AFTER THEIR ROUNDS TO VERIFY THE SCORES. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION.**

**Inter-Club Field and Draw: In order to give players an indication as to where they will be playing and at what times, Provisional Draws may be published on our website prior to the commencement on the tournament. These are subject to change.**

**Team Captains are to ensure that their players know what Club team they are representing, e.g.**

**In the case of Frog and Senior Frog Divisions teams F1 or F2 and SF1 or SF2.**

**PLAYERS MAY NOT CHANGE TEAMS AFTER THE FIRST ROUND HAS BEEN COMPLETED. Any changes will lead to the disqualification of all players concerned.**

**Caddies – outside caddies are allowed at all 3 courses.**

**Only Senior Frogs may use golf carts on Friday and Saturday. Carts can be booked through the club pro-shops and are on a “first come – first serve” basis.**

However, depending on the balance of entries between the different Divisions, it may be necessary to modify or change the venues of some of the teams at the time the final draw is done.

**The** **final draw will be published on the KZNGU website on the Thursday preceding the Tournament and any provisional draws printed and distributed before such day are null and void.**

Clubs are requested to ensure that their players are aware of the above and where to register on the Friday morning.

The conditions of entry and of play are set out hereunder. The Inter-Club Tournament will be played over the period October 25th, 26th and 27th, 2024.

1 On Sunday, 27th October, the Match play finals will be played at Port Shepstone CC and Alliance competitions will be played at Southbroom CC.

2 A player may only represent a club that he is a member of and is handicapped at that club.

3 The Inter-Club is conducted in four Divisions, i.e. “A”, “B”, “Frog” and “Senior Frog”, each Division being run as a separate competition. Teams competing in all Divisions are to consist of 3 players who must be same players for the duration of the tournament.

4 Club’s and Team Captains are to submit the names AND Handicap Indexes of all 3 players when entering the tournament.

 Should there be any changes to the team names prior to the commencement of the Tournament, the KZNGU officials on duty at Registration on Friday, 25th October morning must be notified of such changes.

 3. HANDICAPS:

 **N.B. Team Captains are required to present the Registration Form with the names of their players, their Handicap Index and their “SA Player” ID numbers AT THE DATE OF ENTRY to the KZNGU officials on duty prior to commencement of play.**

**It is the sole responsibility of the Club or Team Captain to ensure that their player’s Handicap Index conform with the restrictions listed below.**

**Handicaps to be used: The Handicap Index of the player on the Date of Entry will be used for scoring purposes.**

**Under the Rules of Golf, the KZNGU Committee has adopted Model Local Rule L-2:**

**The player is responsible for showing their COURSE HANDICAP on the scorecard calculated using their Handicap Index at the Date of Entry.**

**If the player returns a scorecard without the correct handicap:**

 **a) Handicap on Scorecard too high or No Handicap shown:**

* **If this effects the number of strokes the player gets, the player is disqualified.**

**If it does not, there is no penalty.**

 **b) Handicap On Scorecard Too Low:**

 **There is no penalty and the players Stableford points stands as recorded on the scorecard.**

3.1 **Handicap Restrictions**

**“A” Division**

A Club having more than one team in this Division may not include any player with a Handicap Index in excess of 8 in any of their teams in this Division.

###### 3.2 “B” Division

The combined Handicap Index of any team must be at least 10.

A Club having more than one team in this Division may not include any player with a Handicap Index in excess of 10 in any of their teams in this Division on Date of Entry.

No player in the B Division may have a Handicap Index lower than that of any player in any of that Club’s teams in the “A” Division.

###### 3.3 “Frog” Division

**Irrespective of a player’s Handicap Index, the maximum Course Handicap he can play off is 18**

**at all clubs.**

3.4 **“Senior Frog” Division – (50 years and above).**

**Irrespective of a player’s Handicap Index the maximum Course Handicap he can play off is 18**

**at both Southbroom CC and Port Shepstone CC.**

3.5 **Tee Box Markers.**

All players, irrespective of what Division he is in, shall play off the WHITE Tee markers, at all 3 courses.

4. Entries will be limited to the number of players per course taking daylight hours into consideration. The Executive of the KwaZulu-Natal Golf Union will reduce the number of players if an excess of entries is received by: -

(a) Firstly, excluding any team that defaulted in the previous year.

(b) Secondly, should the field still exceed the numbers as specified above, Club’s having multiple

 Teams in any Division shall have their teams in that division subject to ballot.

5. **VENUES:**

 **“A” Division Teams** accepted for play will compete on Friday, October 25th at **Port Shepstone** **CC** and on Saturday 26th at **Margate CC.**

**“B” Division Teams** accepted for play will compete on Friday, October 25th at **Margate CC** and on Saturday 26th October at **Port Shepstone CC.**

“**Frog” Division Teams** will play in separate Groups – F 1, F 2, F 3, etc.

Frog Group 1 - will compete on Friday 25th October at **Margate CC** and at **Southbroom CC** on Saturday 27th October.

Frog Group 2/3 – will compete on Friday 25th October at **Southbroom CC** and at **Margate CC** on Saturday 28th October.

**“Senior Frogs” Division Teams** will play in separate Groups – SF 1, SF 2, SF 3, etc. and will alternate courses.

“SF 1”/”SF 2/3” - will compete on Friday 25th October at **Port Shepstone CC** and at **Southbroom**  **CC** on Saturday 27th October .

“SF 1”/”SF 2/3” – will compete on Friday 25th October at **Southbroom CC** and at **Port Shepstone CC** on Saturday 26th October.

The results of Groups 1 and 2 in the “Senior Frogs” and the “Frog” Divisions will be merged as they are returned to the KZNGU scorers on Friday and Saturday.

6. An Entry Fee **R1,600.00** per Team (Inclusive of VAT) is payable to the KwaZulu-Natal Golf Union with the Entry Form. Entries must be in the hands of the KZNGU*,* together with the appropriate Entry Fee

 **not later than 12 noon on Friday, 11th October 2024.**

 **LATE ENTRIES AND/OR PAYMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

7. Faxed copies of the official entry form will be accepted if timeously received but the entry form must be accompanied by a deposit slip evidencing that the appropriate entry fee has been paid into the Unions account

**KwaZulu-Natal Golf Union,**

**Standard Bank,**

**Glenwood Branch**

**Branch Code 042526**

**Account number: 051252341.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

***The onus is on the Club to ensure that the entry form and payment has been received by the KZNGU***

 7 The green fees for the Tournament is included in the Entry Fee. Players, however, who wish to have a practice round, will have to pay a member’s green fee, and must book such times with the relevant club.

8 **Each Division shall be conducted as follows: -**

* 1. **“A” and “B” Divisions** – Qualifying stage, 36 holes Stroke play off scratch – 18 holes to be played on each of the first and second days of the competition as already set out in paragraph 5 with all three scores to count each day. No carts are allowed on Friday and Saturday.

8.2 “**Frog” and ”Senior Frog” Divisions** – Qualifying stage, 36 Holes Individual Stableford Competition off maximum Course Handicap of 18. 18 holes to be played on each of the first and second days of the Competition as already set out in Paragraph 5. All 3 scores to count for each day of play.

 It is the responsibility of the Senior Frog participants to book golf carts if required.

 “Frog” Division players are not allowed carts on Friday and Saturday.

9 **Qualifying for the Sunday Match Play finals**.

9.1  **“A” and “B” Divisions.**

At the conclusion of the qualifying stage on Saturday, the 4 teams in the “A” and “B” Divisions returning the lowest aggregate scores will qualify for the Match Play at **Port Shepstone CC** on Sunday.

9.2 “**Frog” and “Senior Frog” Divisions**

At the conclusion of the qualifying stage on Saturday, the 4 teams returning the most combined individual stableford points will qualify for the Match Play at **Port Shepstone CC** on Sunday.

10 **Ties for Matchplay finals:**

10.1 **“A” and “B” Divisions on the Saturday:**

 Ties in the medal rounds for fourth place on Saturday at the respective courses will be decided by a sudden-death play-off. Teams that have tied for fourth place on the same score after 2 rounds are to nominate 1 player for the play-off. Play-off’s will take place on the Saturday afternoon at the course played, or in the case of inclement weather or bad light, early morning Sunday at the course where the Finals will be held (Port Shepstone CC). Any team that is not present and available for any reason to participate in the “sudden-death” play-off at the prescribed time and venue on either day will forfeit their place in the Finals.

 Should there be a tie for second and third place for the Matchplay draw then team scores at Port Shepstone CC on the Saturday will determine the 2nd and 3rd places.

 10.2 **“Frog” and “Senior Frog” Divisions on the Saturday:**

 Ties in the “Frog” and “Senior Frog” rounds on Saturday: the 4 Teams returning the highest individual Stableford scores after 2 rounds will qualify for the Match play stage at **Port Shepstone CC** on Sunday. If there is a tie to qualify for the “Frog” and “Senior Frog” Match play Finals on Sunday such tie will be decided on a count out as follows –

 **“Frog” Division:** firstly by comparison of the team scores at **Southbroom** **CC** (irrespective of the scores at **Margate CC.)**

 **“Senior Frog” Division-** firstly by comparison of the team scores at **Southbroom CC** (irrespective of the scores at **Port Shepstone CC**).

 If still tied, the Team with the best score for holes 10 to 18 on their respective courses, then the last 6 holes, the last 3 holes, and the last hole, until the Match play qualifiers have been determined. If there is still a tie a “sudden-death” play-off will decide the qualifier as outlined in Clause 10.1.

 11  **Match Play Semi-Finals and Finals on Sunday at UMDONI CC:**

 **“A” AND “B” DIVISIONS:**

11.1 The semi-finals and finals of the “A” and “B” Division Match play stages on Sunday, the “A” and “B” Divisions will play 18 holes Singles off scratch. Order of play is to be declared by teams before commencing the morning semi-final Match play round on Sunday morning, 27th October, and such ORDER OF PLAY MUST CONTINUE FOR THE FINAL ROUNDS in the afternoon.

11.2 The Match play semi-finals and finals will be played on Sunday by the 4 qualifying teams in each Division. The order of play will be – No. 1 Qualifier vs No. 4, and No. 2 qualifier vs No. 3. Winners in each semi-final on Sunday morning will meet each other in the final of their Division to be played on Sunday afternoon.

11.3 In the event of a tie in any matches, the number of “holes up” will decide the “count-out” procedure. **Players are not required to complete the full 18 holes after winning the match**. i.e. The winner will be the team with the most holes won or “up” in all 3 matches.

 No other permutations or method will be utilised or implemented to determine the winner.

**Frog and Senior Frog Divisions:**

11.4 The Semi-Final and final Match play stages in the “Frog” Divisions on Sunday will be 18 holes singles Match play, off Course Handicap at Port Shepstone CC. The order of play will be for the highest Handicap Indexed players in each Team to play each other, for the next lowest Handicap Indexed players to play in the second match, and for the two lowest Handicap Indexed players to play in the third match. In each Match play game the lowest Course Handicap player will revert to scratch and the Course Handicap strokes of his opponent will be proportionately reduced. Handicap strokes will be taken as on the scorecard (Rule 11.2.1 of the SAGA Handicapping Manual). In the event of a tie then “holes up” will decide the “count-out”. If still tied, a play-off will decide the Winner as outlined in Clause 10.1

12 **Alliance Competition on Sunday at SOUTHBROOM CC:**

 **All Divisions.**

 On the Sunday morning, 27th October an Alliance competition in all of the Divisions will be played under the following conditions: -

 12.1 In all Divisions, the top six Teams and ties not qualifying for the Matchplay will play a Team competition over 18 holes.

 12.2 Teams to consist of three players, who must have played for the team in the qualifying stages of the Inter-Club.

 12.3 Scoring: In all Divisions all three (3) **individual Stableford** scores off Course Handicap to count as per the Southbroom CC scorecard. Maximum Course Handicap is 18 as per qualifying rounds.

 12.4 Team members will play in separate 3 balls and the total of the team members scores will count.

 12.5 Should there be a tie for first place then a count-out will be implemented by the KZNGU.

13 **Trophies:**

Teams in the “A” Division will compete for the inaugural winners of this trophy donated by the KZNGU. Teams in the “B” Division will compete for the Neels Foord Trophy donated by the Umfolozi Golf Club. The “Frog” Division will compete for the “Louis du Plessis Trophy” donated by Royal Durban Golf Club. The Senior Frog Division will compete for the “Glasfit Trophy” donated by the KZN Senior Golf Association.

 14 **Sunday Tee Off Times at Port Shepstone CC and Southbroom CC:**

Tee-off times for those clubs that have qualified for the Matchplay and Alliance competitions will be published nearer the time and all players will be notified of their times on the Saturday evening.

15. Clubs must make their own arrangements for accommodation. Cost of the accommodation is for the account of the club or individual.

 **PRIZE GIVINGS:** Will take place on Sunday, in the Bar/Lounge at Port Shepstone CC for the Matchplay finalists and at Southbroom CC for Alliance teams as soon as is possible.

 **PLEASE NOTE:**

 **1. Distance Measuring Devices ARE PERMITTED in all divisions.** **Such devices may measure distance only. Devices that indicate wind speed, temperature or gradient are not permitted and must be turned off.**

**2. Ride on carts on Friday and Saturday are permitted for players in the Senior Frogs only. Players in the other divisions must notify the KZNGU should they wish to use carts together with a recent letter from a Specialist Physician to be presented at registration (GP letters will not be accepted) Carts must be booked by the players themselves at the respective clubs and will be on a “first come – first serve” basis.**

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