

TEMPLATE – TEAM MATCH GENERAL INFORMATION
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Ladies

In preparing for the start of the season next week, I thought I provide information on the two most common issues that you may be involved with at the matches.

PLAYING ORDER - First **remember to bring our Final Team Entry Forms (FTEF)**. That's the thin blue covered book with the rosters of the six teams in your series. The most common question is the order of the players. The FTEF has the correct order based on handicap at the end of the GHIN season, even if the players handicap has changed since then, the matches all use the handicap listed in the FTEF. It is the team captain's responsibility to have their team players in the right order. When you get the Team Match Results Sheet - do verify that the order is lowest to highest handicap. Each player who plays in the incorrect position will forfeit three points to the opponent team. **Refer to Day of Play #5 in TSB.**

PLAYER IS LATE - First **remember to bring our Tournament Schedule Book (TSB)**. That's the small green and blue book that was mailed to you - also the pertinent pages are provided in your Blue folder in large type. So if a player is late, the waiting opponent must wait 5 minutes for the late player to arrive. If the late player arrives within the 5 minutes, the late player and her waiting opponent leave the first tee going directly to the second tee to begin playing and the first hole is awarded to the waiting opponent player. Once the 5 minutes elapsed and the late player has not arrived they are then disqualified. Then the waiting opponent now plays with the late player's team mate that was to play in the next tee time. All subsequent players on the team of the late player move up one position leaving the opponent's 5th and last player unopposed. That fifth player is awarded all 3 points, they have the option of playing the round on their own, leaving or even play with the late player (now DQed) if they arrived sometime after that 5 minutes allowance. But again the 5th match was already conceded the 3 points to the opponent team. Also, the team of the late player is penalized one point for playing short due to the late player if they did not arrive within the 5 minute allowance. **Refer to Day of Play #7-9 in TSB.**

CARTS – If a player requests a cart and the hosting club is not allowing carts on the course, and the player requesting the cart will not play due to the lack of a cart, that player is conceding their match and their opponent receives the 3 points. The opponent player has the option of playing alone or leaving. The remaining players continue playing at their assigned tee times. There is NO repositioning of the remaining players and NO 1 point "playing short" penalty of the team whose player conceded.

BEFORE THE MATCHES - Suggest you send a note to the team captains the day before the match covering the specifics of the upcoming match. There are two templates for Match Day information - club with and without caddies, if you need me to resent them to you just let me know. For the day of the match check with the pro if there are any local rules that should apply - such as temporary greens or aerated fairways etc.

INCLEMENT WEATHER - **All matches will play unless the hosting club closes the course.** Suggest you contact the team captain from the hosting club for them to communicate with the proper club personnel for any course delay or closing decisions. If delayed, the matches will proceed in the order originally planned once the course is deemed open. If the course is closed and the matches cannot be played that day, please work with the team captain to reschedule another date from the club.

AFTER THE MATCHES - After verifying the order of players and the score including penalties, send the three Team Match Results sheets via **tiny scanner, or QR reader, to both your District Caption and Interclub Chair Wendy Dominick at teammatchchair@wmga.com and District Captain <DCxx@wmga.com>.**

Please note as I may be playing in the matches I will be unable to answer your phone calls during the rounds. I suggest you send me a text about the issue and as soon as I am done with my match I will text you back.