

- All teams shall commit to play in the 2022 UGA Women's Team Play League by Friday, March 25, 2022.
- The \$20 entry fee may be paid by: Monday, April 4, 2022.
- Entry form must be completed online before payment.
  - Credit card (entry done online)
  - Check (mail to 4444 South 700 East, Suite 105, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84107)
  - Cash (please do not mail cash office hours are 9am-4pm Monday thru Friday)
- Each team must designate a team captain who is responsible for all communications with their team and the UGA. The team captain's contact information must be included on the team entry form. Entry form is available on the [UGA Team Play page](#) and must be completed online. Updating captain info can be done by contacting the UGA at (801) 563-0400 or email [colin@uga.org](mailto:colin@uga.org) to provide us with their contact information.

## **2022 UGA Women's Team Play League Rules**

### **Team play is subject to change due to COVID-19**

Important info regarding the program Golf Genius

1. The home team is on the left-hand it's marked with an "H", the away team is marked with an "A" on the schedule.
2. Both Captain's must enter roster of players into GolfGenius before the season begins. New players can be added as the season goes along.
3. Handicap update to be sent to captain and co-captain every Saturday morning.

The UGA Women's Team Play League is under the direction of the Utah Golf Association. All play shall be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and by the current UGA Local Rules and Conditions of Competition.

1. Women's Team Play is open to all female members of the UGA with no age restrictions. Professionals are permitted to play but must follow the same guidelines of eligibility set forth in the Women's Team Play rules.
2. Teams will consist of eight women; the captain will decide who is on the team and how many rounds, if any, that a player must play with their women's association league before she can play on the team.
3. All team members must be paid members of the UGA, belong to the women's association being represented, and have an active handicap at least two days before a

match begins. The entire team is subject to disqualification if all players are not paid members of the UGA.

4. A player may not play on more than one team belonging to the UGA Women's Team Play League during the season.
  - a. The private club league is not governed by the UGA, thus players are eligible to play in in both leagues.
5. A club may have more than one team participate in the league. However, the team rosters are not interchangeable, and a player must choose if she will play on her club's A or B team before the season starts. A player is not considered to have joined a team until they play in a match.

## Scheduling

6. All regular season matches must be completed by **Monday, September 5, 2022**.
7. A scheduled match should not be postponed because of minor weather problems. If serious weather is likely, the home team captain is urged to reschedule the match in as far in advance as possible.

## Play

8. The visiting team captain is responsible for contacting the home team captain two days prior to the match to confirm the schedule and roster.
  - a. Home teams (not the host club) are responsible for printing scorecards.
9. **The home team captain is responsible for printing and distributing any local rules that will be effect for the match.**
  - a. **Local rules will NOT be in effect if this is not completed BEFORE the match takes place.**
10. Playing positions shall be determined by course handicap.
11. The order of play will be determined by the four-ball match, not the individual matches.
12. The home team will have the honour on the first tee.
13. The matches should tee off in the following order:
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> players from both teams
  - ii. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> players from both teams
  - iii. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> players from both teams
  - iv. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> players from both teams
14. Any changes to the playing order must be agreed on by both captains, otherwise no changes can be made.
15. If a team member is unable to continue play due to illness or an emergency prior to the completion of the first nine holes, she will lose the front nine, back nine, and total of her individual match. If she falls ill or needs to leave due to an emergency during the second nine holes, she will keep all points earned in the first nine, but she will forfeit the back

nine and total of her individual match. Her partner will still represent their team and compete against their opponents in the four-ball match.

16. Handicap update to be sent to captain and co-captain every Saturday morning.
17. If the course condition is unplayable due to extenuating circumstances, a team may designate another site to host its home matches. The site and extenuating circumstances must be approved by the UGA. Regarding pace of play, Rule 6-7. Undue Delay; Slow Play states, "The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the *Committee* may establish. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next *teeing ground*, the player must not unduly delay play."
  - a. The UGA will be the arbiter of any disagreements on Rules and forfeits.
18. In accordance with the Rules of Golf, partners can confer about play of a hole, give advice, and discuss concessions freely. Refer to the rules for specific examples pertaining to four-ball matches with concurrent singles matches.
19. In accordance with the Rules of Golf, there is no right to play two balls when a player is uncertain about the right procedure. Instead, the players in a match may agree how to decide a rules issue amongst themselves. If no agreement can be made, players are allowed to protect their rights by requesting for a ruling in time. For more information, please see Rule 20.1b in the Rules of Golf.
20. For all UGA Women's Team Play matches, Model Local Rule E-5 (Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds) will be in effect. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Scoring

21. Each foursome will play for 9 points:
  - a. Example:
    - i. Player 1 from Team A plays Player 1 from Team B
    - ii. Player 2 from Team A plays Player 2 from Team B
    - iii. Players 1 and 2 from Team A play Players 1 and 2 from Team B
      - a. In each match the front nine is worth 1 point, the back nine is worth 1 point, and the total 18 is worth 1 point.
22. All players should write their scores on their scorecard for handicapping purposes. On any hole that a player starts, but does not finish, she should record the score she most likely would have made or her ESC score, whichever is LOWER. If a player does not start the play of a hole, her score should be recorded as par plus any handicap strokes.

23. The *winning* team captain will be responsible for posting *the results of the match* online. If she neglects to do so within seven calendar days of the completed match, the *winning* team's points may be forfeited.
24. *Each team captain* is responsible for *posting their teams scores to GHIN*.
25. A UGA Women's Team Play match is closed once both team captains agree on the overall match results, and they are posted online.

## Forfeits

26. A match is considered a forfeit if a team fails to have at least *seven* players.
27. If a team only fields *seven* players, the position of the absent player will be as follows: if a team is unable to fill the final spot prior to the home captain making the cards for the match the forfeiting player will be put into the 8<sup>th</sup> position. If a team loses a player after the cards have already been made, that player's position will be the forfeited position.
28. Forfeits should be avoided at all costs, but if one happens, the team forfeiting will receive no points for that match. The winning team will be awarded their average number of points per match for that match at the conclusion of the season.
29. As stated in Rule 17, the UGA will be the arbitrator of any disagreements about the Rules and forfeits.
30. Information about forfeits needs to be emailed to [colin@uga.org](mailto:colin@uga.org).

## Playoffs

31. The UGA will no longer schedule semifinal playoff matches. Captains of playoff teams are responsible for scheduling dates, times, and *neutral* locations of matches.
32. The playoff bracket will consist of four teams competing in a single elimination playoff. The winner from each division will advance to the playoffs with the remaining playoff spots being selected by the committee based upon the following in the order they appear:
  - a. Winning percentage.
  - b. Average points per match (excluding forfeits and 9-hole matches)
  - c. Head-to-head record (first by wins, then by points)
33. The semifinals will feature the winners of each division against the runners-up from the opposite division. Winners of those matches will advance to the finals.
34. Playoff scheduling windows will be determined by the UGA.
35. A player must play in at least one match during the regular season to be eligible to play in any playoff rounds.
36. All playoff rounds will be played at neutral courses on tees selected by the UGA. (Semifinal matches locations will be selected and agreed upon by participating team captains)

37. There shall be a minimum of two days between the semi-final match and the final match to allow teams the chance to play a practice round.
38. All playoff rounds must be completed by all players on both teams. A match can only be cancelled by the course professional or UGA staff member due to threatening weather.
  - a. If a match is cancelled due to weather, team captains must vote to reschedule or to score the playoff as a nine-hole tournament match.
39. **The UGA will book the Final Match.**
40. The Final match should *not* be played at a club with either of these characteristics:
  - a. Participating player plays in the club's Women's League.
  - b. Club was used in a semifinal match.
41. For the Final match, players are responsible for their own green and cart fees.
42. In case of ties, the UGA will use the following method to find a winner:
  - a. All individual matches on the last nine hole will be tallied and the team that wins the most individual matches will be declared the winner.
  - b. If there is still a tie, the same procedure will be used on the four-ball matches, first on the last nine holes, then on the first nine holes.
  - c. If there is still a tie, the winner will be decided by lot.

## **Pace of Play Policy**

- Procedures
  - If any groups finish the round over what is deemed acceptable by host course staff, host course staff has the option of reporting the pace of play breach to the UGA.
  - If a pace of play breach has occurred and is reported, the breach will be against both teams in the match, not a singular team.
  - The UGA will only work with host club staff on pace of play matters.
- Penalties
  - First Breach
    - Written warning from the UGA
  - Second Breach
    - 15-point deduction from end-of-year points total
  - Third Breach
    - Win-loss record reduced by one (1) win at the conclusion of the regular season
  - Fourth Breach
    - Disqualification from playoffs
  - Fifth Breach
    - Disqualification from the league
- Appeals
  - If a host club staff member has submitted a pace of play breach to the UGA, there will be no appeal.

