

2023 Rocky Bayou Member Guest Format and Rules

TOURNAMENT FORMAT/RULES

The format is **FOUR BALL MATCH PLAY**, with full handicap assigned (*Read USGA Rule 23*). Please read the rules and instructions carefully and ask pertinent questions before the competition begins. Eight flights will participate with six teams being assigned per flight. Each team will play a 9-hole match against each of the other five teams in their flight. The eight flight winners plus a Wild Card team will meet in a **shoot-out** after lunch on Saturday to determine the overall champion. Three matches will be played on Friday and two on Saturday with points awarded as follows:

FOUR BALL MATCH PLAY SCORING

	Win Hole	Lose Hole	Tie hole	Win Match	Tie Match
Points	1	0	1/2	1	1/2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum of 10 total points available per match.• Bring results and scorecard to clubhouse immediately after each match.• Teams will play against par if opposing team does not show up for the match.					

PLAYOFF SHOOT-OUT FORMAT/RULES

The shoot-out format is **FOURSOMES (Alternate Shot)**, with handicaps assigned by referee. *Read USGA Rule 22*. This is NOT modified alternate shot, so only one player will tee off per hole. Eight flight winners, plus the Wild Card team, will qualify for the shoot-out. The Wild Card team is the team with the highest point total that is a non-flight winner. The referee will conduct a chip off to break any Wild Card ties.

All Nine teams will begin on Hole #16, where four teams will be eliminated. Winners will advance to Hole #17, where three more teams will be eliminated. Ties will be broken by a chip-off with format and playing order determined by the referee. **Players cannot watch others chip prior to their shot.** The two remaining teams will report to Hole #18 to determine the champion. In the event of a tie, hole #18 will be re-played once. If still tied, a chip-off will be held as determined by the referee.

SPECTATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THE SHOOT-OUT

LOCAL RULES

- **Play the ball as it lies-there is no root rule.**
- Out of bounds marked by white stakes, penalty areas by red or white stakes as appropriate.
- Ground under repair (GUR) is marked by white lines. Nearest relief, then one club length.
- In match play, if there is a question/dispute, refer to **USGA Rule 20** for resolution.
- All Bulkheads are integral parts of course.
- One ball rule is not in effect and range finders are allowed.
- Pace of Play-keep up with group in front of you. If your score will not count, pick the ball up.

In case of dangerous situation or inclement weather, seek shelter and await committee decision to resume play. Safety First