



## *The Rock Harbor Golf Club Powder Puff League*



Teams shall be made up of 2 persons (male/female), with **the women playing from the yellow tees, this person being referred to as a “Powder Puff”**. **The male member of the team must play from the green tees and will be referred to as a “Cream Puff”**. At least one team member must be a member of Rock Harbor. Each partner **must** have a verifiable USGA Handicap.

“Powder Puffs” are our most special group of golfers but you must remember there is **No Crying in Golf!**

The league will be composed of as many teams as can be constructed.

Due to the weather sensitivity of “Powder Puffs” and “Cream Puffs”, the regular season league play will consist of a brief but optimum warm weather period.

League matches will begin in April. Teams will schedule their own matches. Regular season matches will consist of 4 to 5 matches and must be completed by mid-month of September. Playoffs will begin at that time. A midway point will be established each season by which date, at least two league matches must be played, else you will face disqualification.

Substitute players can be used and are highly recommended to stay on schedule. At the end of the season, the official team members will be the persons who have played in the most matches. Teams will be ranked by points based on the number of points accumulated in the regular season matches. Rankings will determine playoff seed position.

Matches will be 18 hole match play based on the Nassau format. This format is made up of two 9-hole matches with the 3<sup>rd</sup> match based on the greater holes won of a nine hole match. Five (5) points will be awarded to the winner of the front nine match, five (5) points will be awarded to the back nine match and five (5) points will be awarded to the over-all match winners. If a side is tied or a press is tied each team is awarded 2 ½ points.

There are no individual points all points are team points. Specialty points will also be awarded for the following situations: a greenie, a splashy, a sandy, a wastey, a birdie, an eagle, a hole in one and a double eagle. Points will be awarded as follows for each:

A greenie: Two points will be awarded to the team of the player that is closest to the hole on any par 3 and then makes par. If no member of either team is on a green after the tee shot then the closest person after the second tee shot are awarded a greenie point if par is made. In the event that no greenie point is awarded on a given par 3 hole that greenie points will be carried until the next par 3. For example, if no greenie points is awarded on the first par three and no greenie points is awarded on the second par three, then someone makes a greenie on the third par three all greenies being carried (or 4 carry points and 2 points for that greenie totaling 6 points) will be awarded at that time. If there are not any greenie points awarded by the conclusion of the last par three, they are dead or “left on the table” and will not be awarded during that match.

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A sandy: Two points will be awarded for any ball that is holed in regulation par after being in the sand. On a par four if a player hits it into a fairway bunker and then hits into the greenside bunker and then gets up and down for par, that player shall be awarded four points. If that same player would have holed the third shot for a birdie, that would be six points. If that same player's partner had gotten a birdie and a sandy on the same hole that team would receive 10 points. WOW!!!!

A splashy: Two points will be awarded for a ball that is holed in regulation after being in water and requiring a one stroke penalty for relief.

A wastey: Two points will be awarded for a ball that is holed in regulation after being in a waste bunker. See "A sandy" for further rules.

If two strokes are used to get out of the same bunker and par is achieved, that constitutes a double.

A birdie: Two points will be awarded any team that scores a birdie on any hole. A birdie is holing the ball in one stroke less than par, not hitting a robin in mid-flight. While that would be cool, it does not get you any points.

An eagle: Four points will be awarded for any team that scores an eagle on any hole. An eagle is holing the ball in two strokes less than par, not hitting... never mind you get the idea.

A hole in one: Six points.

A double eagle: Eight points will be awarded for any team that scores a double eagle on any hole.

A double eagle is holing the ball in 3 strokes under par. Making a 2 on hole number 8 or a 1 on hole number 15 would be a double eagle. Hey good luck with this one.

All specialty points will counted. For example both players on the same team make birdie, four points will be awarded.

The match will begin by determining the order of play. The players from the yellow will play in the appropriate order and then the players on the green tees will tee off in the same team order.

After the first 9-hole match or side is finished if one team is ahead by more than two holes the team behind will start with an advantage. For example if a team has won 4 holes and halved the other 5 holes, they have won the front side by 4 holes. The team that is behind will start the back nine two holes up. So for example if all 9 holes were halved then the team awarded the 2-hole advantage on the 10<sup>th</sup> tee box would win the back nine two holes up. So if the spread is two holes or less there is no advantage granted on the back nine. For every hole advantage over two, a one-hole advantage will be granted. For example if you are down 3 you will get 1, if you are down 4 you will get 2 and so on. This "adjustment" will have no effect on the 18-hole match, which will be decided by the actual number of holes won or lost by each team. If the final match is tied then each team will be awarded 2.5 points for the match score.

You can press any time your team is two or more down on either side, not the eighteen. You can also press anytime your team is one or more down on holes 9 & 18. Presses are not automatic and have to be accepted. Please keep in mind that this is a game of Honor and Sportsmanship.

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The net team aggregate score will decide the winner of each hole. Simply add the gross score for each team player together, subtract any handicap strokes allowed for that hole and match that score to that of the opposing team. For example if on number 5 team A's players score a 5 and a 6 and are granted no strokes, and team B's players scored a 5 and a 6, but they were granted one stroke on that hole they would win the hole with a net score of 10 vs. 11. If no strokes were granted then the teams would have "halved" the hole.

Handicaps shall be decided based on the USGA handicap for the tee being played on the day the match takes place. Simply look up your name on the handicap computer, and look for the numbers in the appropriate color. The Ladies will simply use the course handicap from the Yellow Tees. Since the Green Tees are not rated for the men, take the course handicap established for the Men's Yellow Tees then subtract two (2) strokes. The handicap for both players will be added together giving a team handicap. So if the "Powder Puff" has 10 for the ladies Yellow and the "Cream Puff" has a 10 for the men's yellow they have a team handicap of 18 {remember to subtract the two for the men}. Once the teams have determined their respective team handicaps a handicap adjustment will be given based on a 2 shot spread otherwise known as the fudge factor. For example if team A has a team handicap of 26 and team B has a team handicap of 28 there will be no shots or handicap adjustment made. But if team B had a handicap of 30 then all shots above the 2 stroke spread would be granted, in this case team B would be granted a one shot deduction on the score posted on the two most difficult holes on the course.

Disputes: The presiding pro is empowered by the league to make any call that suits him based on the available evidence or hear say at the time a dispute arises. The League expects the pro to be capricious and arbitrary in any and all rulings. The League further expects that the pro should decide in most cases for the team that is doing the least amount of whining! Penalties could be levied. Let's face it, we are not a group of elementary schoolers.

Keep in mind that you are playing the regular season for the most points to gain the best position for the playoffs. During the playoffs it's win or go home. Playoff matches use the same format as regular season play. Sudden Death, if necessary, is played in accordance with strict match play format, using the team's aggregate score for the hole. No points are awarded during sudden death.

We will be playing for bragging rights and our name to be forever enshrined on the Powder Puff plaque that will be displayed in a prominent place in the Rock Harbor Club House.

If a team drops out of the league, or does not complete all of their divisional matches, that team shall be considered dropped and any points awarded for matches already played with a dropped team shall be excluded.

No entry fee will be charged – Non-members will pay a special league rate each match played. Other monetary considerations will be between teams after each match. For example each point could represent a monetary value

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Although each hole played is “won or lost” by a side, USGA Stroke Play Rules to apply during play of each hole. All putts must be holed unless the hole is over. We will be playing the ball *Down*, unless conditions deem otherwise.

Scorecards with gross scores and all points won need to be recorded. Cards must be signed and attested and turned into the pro shop.

**Warning:** Powder Puff League play with married couples can be hazardous. It has been known to cause extreme stress, loss of sexual activity and abnormal drinking. In extreme cases, stroke and mental illness are a possibility. If you show any signs of these symptoms and they persist for over two matches consult your marriage counselor, psychologist or bartender depending on which one makes you feel better.