

Dear Couples Championship Participants,

This letter is regarding the scoring metrics and procedures that The Couples Championship will be contested. If you have played in previous years, you will see that most of our rules and scoring have not changed. Below is a summary of those rules, how your team score will be calculated, and some other notes.

The Shoals Professional Staff have used many procedures to make sure that the scoring is equitable for all players, and we will continue to use these methods moving forward. To recall these procedures, we have required 2 tee shots per player per 9 holes to be used. This ensures that each of the players on your team account for 4 drives per round. Please note that senior age for men and women is 65 years old.

On Saturday's Scramble format, the team handicap will be calculated by taking 70% of the low handicap player and 30% of the high, and adding them together, then dividing that sum by 2. On Sunday's Texas Shamble, the team handicap will be calculated by taking the handicap of both team members and taking 70% of the sum.

In 2019, we instituted a Senior Women's tee box. Some of these tees were on the front of the ladies' tee box, and some of them were tees cut at the beginning of the fairway. We thought this to be equitable, since the men have a designated Senior Men's tee box, the women should have this designation also. We will again put into place this set of tees.

Lastly, we are requiring that participants post a minimum of 6 scores from January 1, 2026 to August 15, 2026. This will ensure that handicap indexes are indicative of the play of the participant for that span of time.

Hopefully, with these procedures and scoring techniques, not only will we have a great time of competition and comradery, but it will be equitable for all participants. If there are any questions or concerns with the rules, scoring or set up of the tournament, I will be more than happy to answer your questions. Thank you and we will see you all in September!!!

Sincerely,

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