

2015 CALIFORNIA SCRATCH LEAGUE ENTRY INFORMATION

REGULAR SEASON: October 1 – November 15

REGIONAL FINALS: Southern California: Industry Hills GC, November 20, 2015

Northern California: Poppy Ridge GC, November 20, 2015

CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP: Poppy Hills GC, December 7, 2015

<u>CLUB ELIGIBILITY</u>: Each club submitting an entry application must be identified as the "club of record" at its facility and must maintain at least one 18-hole (5,000 yards or more in length) golf course. Each club must have a certified Handicap Chair. Certification can be obtained by completing a SCGA Handicap Certification Class, offered monthly. Additionally, all clubs must be in compliance with the USGA License Agreement. Without a certified Handicap Chair and updated license, your club will not be eligible to participate in the 2015 California Scratch League.

<u>DEFINITION OF TEAM</u>: Each team will consist of seven players (1 professional and 6 amateurs). A permanent roster is not required for each team. There is no limit as to the number of players who may be used during the season. Club professionals will play against each other.

Note: It is strongly encouraged that club professionals participate in each match. If a club professional or club staff is not able to participate, the highest handicap player on that team's submitted roster will play in the club professional's position.

<u>PLAYER ELIGIBILITY</u>: Players must be 21 years of age or older as of the date of the match they participate in. All players must be listed on the club's membership roster for the team that he/she wishes to compete for as of September 1, 2015. Each player must have a current Handicap Index.

GROUP SELECTION: The SCGA encourages clubs to form their own groups for the regular season. The Group Selection Form (located within this document) must be completed and submitted along with the club's entry form. If a club is not part of a group, the SCGA will attempt to pair the club with other clubs that are similar and in geographic proximity. There is no guarantee or presumption that a club that submits an entry without being a part of group will be able to participate in the 2015 California Scratch League. The SCGA's decision to pair groups is deemed to be final. Such groupings may consist of three, four or five teams. The sole remedy of a team that is not assigned to a group, or which is assigned to a group in which it does not want to play, is to withdraw its application and receive a refund of its entry fee.

SCRATCH LEAGUE FORMAT: Teams within each group will play one match at each of the courses within the group. All play is without handicaps except for seeding the pairing order from low to high current Handicap Index. Each hole is worth a set number of points, which is divided amongst the players based upon the outcome of the hole. Stroke play rules apply.

<u>HOST CLUB REQUIREMENTS</u>: During the regular season, the host club should host green fees for the visiting teams. Teams within a group may agree to other arrangements, provided all teams within the group are in agreement. Carts and food and beverages should be made available to the visiting club for purchase.

CONDUCT: The provisions of the 2015 California Scratch League Rules of Play regarding player conduct are incorporated here.

<u>DISPUTES</u>: Teams are encouraged to resolve disputes and disagreements by consensus among the teams affected. If a dispute arises during a match, the team captains or professionals of the teams involved are the Committee within the meaning of the Rules of Golf. If those individuals cannot reach an agreement, or if the dispute affects the group as a whole, the dispute shall be referred to all professionals or captains in the group, who will serve as the Committee in charge of the group.

ENTRY FEE: \$330. Payment must be received by the SCGA along with this entry no later than Monday, September 21, 2015. **Entries may also be submitted online here.**

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The SCGA reserves the right to accept or reject any entry at any time.