



PLAYER INFORMATION

29th SCGA AFFILIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Monarch Beach Golf Links
Monday & Tuesday, August 29 – 30, 2016

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **REGISTRATION:**

All players must check in with the SCGA registration table located at the bag drop upon arrival on Monday. Registration will be open at 11:00 a.m. on Monday morning. There will be no formal registration on Tuesday.

2. **STARTING TIMES AND PAIRINGS:**

Starting holes and pairings will be e-mailed to players and posted online at scga.org one week in advance of the Championship.

Day 1 (Monday) will be a Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.

Day 2 (Tuesday) will be a Shotgun Start at 8:00 a.m.

Players are advised to be at their assigned cart 10 - 15 minutes prior to the start of the starting time. Second round pairings will be based on the first round results. Pairings will be released approx. 2 hours after all the scores are received from round one.

Players are encouraged to arrive at their assigned tee well in advance of their starting time, as the SCGA starter will have information to discuss and distribute to each player in the group. Furthermore, players arriving late will be penalized under Rule 6-3a of the *Rules of Golf*. For example, the 9:00 a.m. starting time is defined as 9:00:00, and players arriving after that time are considered late. Lead groups should plan to be at their assigned tee 10 minutes in advance of their starting time. Subsequent groups are encouraged to arrive in time to watch the group in front of them tee off.

3. **FORMAT:**

36 Hole Championship. All players will play 18 Holes on Monday and 18 Holes on Tuesday.

Round 1: Four-Ball (two person better ball). Each individual will play to 90% (Men) and 95% (Women) of their Course Handicap. After the 90%/95% reduction, if partners' Course Handicap differs by more than 8 strokes, an additional 10% reduction will be applied to their Course Handicap. Handicap Strokes are applied Hole by Hole.

Round 2: Pinehurst Format. Each partner drives from the tee and then plays the second shot with the other's ball. After the second shots, the team selects which ball it wishes to score with and plays that ball alternately to complete the hole. The player with the lower Course Handicap is allowed 60% of their Course Handicap. The player with the higher Course Handicap is allowed 40% of their Course Handicap. The total of both partners' Course Handicaps (Team Course Handicap) is deducted from the Team Gross Score at the end of the round.

❖ If a player is above an index of 24.4, they will play down to an index of 24.4 for the championship.

*** Handicaps are determined by using the low Index of the past 6 Revisions (June 1st – August 15th) ***

4. **TEES:**

Men will be from the **GOLD** yardage and tee markers. Course Rating: 70.0 / Slope: 129 / 6,052 yards. Women will play from the **JADE** yardages and tee markers. Course Rating: 69.8 / Slope: 129 / 5,050 yards.

**Some alternate yardages may be used throughout the Championship.*

5. **PRACTICE ROUNDS:**

Players may make arrangements for practice rounds at their own expense prior to the Championship. Call the Monarch Beach Golf Links pro shop to secure a practice round at (949) 240-8247. When calling, players should identify themselves as participants in the SCGA Affiliate Team Championship.

Green Fee: Monday – Thursday: \$79; Friday, Saturday and Sunday: \$115. **Cart Fee:** Included as part of the practice round green fee.

6. **DRIVING RANGE:**

For practice rounds, Monarch Beach does not have a driving range located on the facility. The golf course is very limited on practice space and has only 4 available hitting nets. During the championship, the driving range will be set up on a designated fairway and will close 30 minutes prior to play, range balls will be provided courtesy of the SCGA & Monarch Beach.

7. **FOOD SERVICE:**

The cafe will open at 6:30 a.m. and will remain open until 6 p.m. ***The SCGA will be hosting light appetizers for players after the conclusion of play on Monday (beverages not included).***

8. **PURCHASES:**

Cash and major credit card will be accepted for all purchases.

9. **CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Monarch Beach Golf Links
50 Monarch Beach Drive
Monarch Beach, CA 92629
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Monarchbeach.com

CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

1. **RULES OF PLAY:**

Play is governed by the *Rules of Golf*. Local Rules in effect will be found on the SCGA Hard Card and the Notice to Players addendum distributed at the site. Disregard all other club posted Local Rules including those on the back of the club's score card.

2. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES AND CELL PHONES:**

During the play of all SCGA competitions, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. A multi-functional device, such as a smartphone or PDA, may be used as a distance-measuring device, but it must not be used to gauge or measure other conditions where doing so would be a breach of Rule 14-3. Any questions about such devices should be resolved before the start of the stipulated round. Otherwise, cell phone use is discouraged during the stipulated round.

3. **AWARDS AND TIES:**

Awards will be given to those teams that finish in 1st through 5th place in the Championship. If there are ties for 1st through 5th place, ties will be broken by the USGA method of matching scorecards, which is determined by using Holes #10-18 from the second round. (See Appendix I: Conditions of the Competition in the USGA Rules of Golf).

4. **AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION:**

Golf carts are included as part of the entry fee. There will be a maximum of two carts per group and two bags per cart. Drivers must be at least 16 years of age (or older if club policy dictates). Each player is entitled to one seat in a cart. If a player brings a caddie, the caddie may ride provided there is a vacant seat in one of the carts. Otherwise, either the player or the caddie must walk.

5. **PULL CARTS:**

Players may use a pull cart; however, Monarch Beach GL does not rent them.

6. **SPECTATORS:**

Spectators are permitted but are not allowed in carts. Spectators must adhere to all policies set forth by the club.

7. **DRESS CODE:**

Players and caddies must be properly attired in golf shirts, slacks, Bermuda-length dress or golf shorts and "soft spike" shoes. **NO CARGO SHORTS/PANTS ALLOWED.** Metal spikes are not permitted. The penalty for wearing metal spiked shoes is disqualification. Jeans (any color or any kind), denim, cut off shorts, sweatpants, T-shirts and tank tops will not be permitted during any phase of the competition. Hats are to be worn forward at all times. Shirts must be tucked in.

8. **PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT:**

By submitting an entry for any SCGA-administered competition, the contestant understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the SCGA. A contestant may be removed from any competition at the discretion of the SCGA staff or Rules and Competitions Committee at any time before or during the competition. Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the SCGA or the “Spirit of the Game” are grounds for such removal and suspension from future SCGA-administered competitions. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Willful damage of the golf course or golf course property
- Club throwing or unnecessary club tossing
- Offensive or unbecoming language
- Public criticism of golf course or verbal abuse of SCGA staff, officials, volunteers, host club staff or other contestants
- Potential endangerment of others
- Conduct deemed unbecoming
- Failure to post scores for handicapping purposes
- Manipulation of scores posted for handicapping purposes

10. **CANCELLATIONS:**

To withdraw for any reason prior to the start of an SCGA competition, a player must notify the SCGA Rules and Competitions Department at (818) 980-3630, or by clicking [here](#).

If a player needs to withdraw on the morning of the event, notify the SCGA staff person through the golf shop staff at the host venue. Failure to notify the SCGA will subject the player to suspension from future SCGA competitions. Requests for refunds prior to the entry closing date will be honored less a \$10 administrative fee. Requests received after the entry closing date and 48 hours prior to the event will be honored less 50% of the entry fee. No refunds will be honored within 48 hours of the event.