



PLAYER INFORMATION

37th SCGA FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP

Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club
Wednesday & Thursday, September 28 – 29, 2016

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **REGISTRATION:**

All players must check in with the SCGA registration table located at the bag drop upon arrival on Wednesday. Registration will be open at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning. There will be no formal registration on Thursday.

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 (Wednesday) will be a Shotgun Start at 12:00 p.m.

Day 2 (Thursday) 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 after the conclusion of play on Monday.

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:**

The Championship will be 36 holes of four-ball net stroke play competition (two-person better ball). 18 holes will be played each day. Each player receives 90% (men) and 95% (women) of their Course Handicap. After the reduction, if partners' Course Handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes, an additional 10% reduction will be applied to their Course Handicaps (this is the USGA recommendation).

During the Championship, the lowest Handicap Index from the July 1 to the September 15 revisions will be used to calculate each player's Course Handicap. If a player's lowest Handicap Index from July 1 to September 15 is above 18.4, he or she will play down to 18.4. In addition, every player's scoring file is

reviewed by SCGA staff. The SCGA Rules & Competitions Committee reserves the right to adjust a player's and/or team's Course Handicap at any time prior to or during the competition.

4. **TEES:**

Men will play will be from the **WHITE** yardage and tee markers.

Course Rating: 69.3 / Slope: 124 / 6,115 yards.

Women will play from the **RED** yardage and tee markers.

Course Rating: 72.6 / Slope: 125 / 5,553 yards.

**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 Arroyo Trabuco golf shop to secure a practice round at (949) 305-5100. When calling, players should identify themselves as participants in the SCGA Four-Ball Net Championship.

Green Fee: Monday – Thursday, after 1:00 p.m.: \$50; Friday, Saturday and Sunday: not available. **Cart**

Fee: Included as part of the practice round green fee.

6. **DRIVING RANGE:**

The Driving Range will be open and available to players at 6:30 a.m. on both days of the Championship. Range Balls will be provided courtesy of Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club and the SCGA.

7. **FOOD SERVICE:**

The snack bar will open at 6:30 a.m. and will remain open until the conclusion of play. ***The SCGA will be hosting a banquet 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:**

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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, Arroyo Trabuco GC 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.