

# VANCOUVER ISLAND SENIOR LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

## RULES of PLAY for BUTTON MATCHES

- All players, including spares, must be a V.I.S.L.G.A. member in good standing.
- All players to submit their current handicap factor when joining.
- A player's handicap factor must not exceed 32.4: should it increase, then they play to the reduced factor.
- There must be no more than 10 difference in partners' handicap factors. Should this change during the season, the higher handicap player must play to a reduced handicap factor.
- "A" division teams cannot use a combined factor greater than the limit established at the start of the season. The higher handicap player must reduce.
- Using the Course Conversion Table each player is responsible for determining her course handicap for the tees being played.
- Strokes are taken from the lowest in the Foursome.
- Ties must be broken by extra holes. **In the event of a tie after 18 holes and darkness prevents play, a chip-off will be held, with all 4 players, at the closest practise green.\***
- **Scores MUST be recorded for handicap purposes.\***
- Strokes to be given on the extra holes where necessary.
- Winners must be able to play the following Monday or forfeit the match.
- Teams are allowed a substitute for one (1) game only per season.
- A member may be used as a substitute only twice (2) in a season.
- A substitute must have no more than 10 difference in partners handicap factor.
- NO substitutes allowed in play-offs but a player may play as a one player team.
- A permanent replacement may be allowed if a partner is unable to continue to play.
- A team must win three (3) matches to be awarded a button.
- Button winners cannot play again that season.
- When a team loses a match they may play again that season. If we run out of Teams, a Team(s) may be called on to play again.
- Playoffs of the winning Button teams in both A and B divisions will be arranged by the Buttons Chair in mid-August, prior to the Tournament.
- A draw will be made should there be more than 2 teams.
- Winners at the close of play in August will be allowed to carry their consecutive wins into the next season.
- If a team is unable to make a scheduled match due to ferry problems/traffic accident, a new match must be scheduled by the participating teams. This match must be completed by the Wednesday evening of the same week.

### **PLAYERS MUST LEAVE THE COURSE WHEN THEIR MATCH IS OVER**

#### **2018– 2019 Season:**

The combined Handicap Factor for "A" division is 0 to 47.0

The combined Handicap Factor for "B" division is 47.1 to 64.8

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