LIGCSA 2-Ball

- Each team must have at least one class A or B LIGCSA member. Affiliates and Assistants may pair with Class A or SM's. Teams must consist of two partners that are LIGCSA members.

- Seeds will be based on last year's Final Four. These four teams will receive top 4 seeds. Like last year, the rest of matches will be a random drawing by the 2-ball committee.
  - This is to address comments that many matchups are the same each year. The true spirit of this event is to meet others and play different courses.

Handicap guidelines:

- Participants must establish and **maintain** a handicap. If you cannot provide proof of your current **maintained** handicap then you play to a 0 handicap.

- Scores must be submitted for each 2-ball match, and association events (where format permits) These will be recorded as a Tournament score

- Equitable Stroke Control or ESC is to be used in these events for handicap scoring, but not for the match score (ESC rules are attached) Matches that finish early must also use ESC to complete scoring.

- All 4 scores from the 2-ball match must be submitted after the round, with ESC applied, along with match results.

- Handicaps in question will be referred to and reviewed by the 2-Ball Committee.
  - Those without a properly maintained handicap will play to their trending handicap or play as a 0 handicap as determined by the 2-ball committee.

2-Ball Matches:

- Format is a two man best ball 18-hole match. Sudden death playoff if needed
- Matches are to be played at 80% handicap. Questions on handicaps for matches should be forwarded to 2-ball committee before the match.
- Matches will be played from the "middle set" or "regular" tees on which ever course you are playing, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.
- Any questions as to procedure during a match must be referred to the host professional.
- Matches cannot be played at a participant's course.
- Matches are to be played to completion.
- ESC used for handicapping purposes
- If a hole is not completed ESC is used to score that hole
- Players scores (with ESC adjustments) are to be submitted to the 2-ball committee along with results after match is completed to knutson724@gmail.com
Please include a picture of the completed score card.

Tournament Timeline:

- "Play-In Round" matches must be played <u>by June 3rd</u>

- 1st Round matches must be played <u>by July 1st</u>

- 2nd Round matches must be played <u>by August 5th</u>

- 3rd Round (Final Four) must be played <u>by September 1st</u>

- <u>Championship must be played by or at the October Meeting</u>

Extensions may be granted but are not guaranteed!

****Trophy and Plaques to be awarded at the October Meeting

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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PLAYER 1: _____

Affiliation: _____

USGA Index: ___ ___ . ___

GHIN#:   _____

PLAYER 2: _____

Affiliation: _____

USGA Index: ___ ___ . ___

GHIN#:   _____

Return COMPLETED FORM TO Luke Knutson @ Knutson724@gmail.com

Singles also apply and we will help pair you up

Handicapping FAQs

Adjusting Hole Scores for Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)

Q. What is the current method for adjusting my hole scores under Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)?

A. ESC is an adjustment of individual hole scores (for handicap purposes) in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability. ESC is applied after the round and is only used when the actual score of the most likely score exceeds a player's maximum number. EC sets a limit to the number of strokes a player can take on a hole depending on Course Handicap. Apply ESC to all scores, including tournament scores. Below is the maximum number a player can take.

Course Handicap	Maximum Number
9 or less	Double Bogey
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40 and above	10

Please visit Section 4-3 of the **_USGA Handicap System_** manual for further reference.

Conceded Strokes/Unfinished Holes

Q. How does a player post a score if conceded a stroke or does not finish a hole?

A. If a player does not finish a hole or is conceded a stroke, record the most likely score for handicap purposes. A most likely score is the number of strokes already taken, plus in the player's best judgment, the number of strokes needed to complete the hole from that point more than half the time.

The most likely score should have an "X" preceding the number. For example, player A is just off the green in two strokes, and player A's partner just holed out for a two; therefore, player A decides to pick up. Player A determines the most likely score would have been to chip on and two putt; therefore, player A will record an X-5 on the scorecard (two strokes already taken plus three more strokes to complete the hole). Player A does not automatically put down the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)™ maximum. First, player A determines the most likely score and then after the round checks to see if the most likely score is above the ESC limit. In this case, player A has a Course Handicap™ of 24 and an ESC maximum of eight. Recording X-5 is not above ESC limit and therefore, X-5 is the score that must be posting for handicap purposes.

Please visit Section 4-1 of the _USGA Handicap System_ manual for further reference.