

Women's Intersectional Competition

What is it and how does it work?

The Women's Intersectionals are district events that encourage women from many of the golf clubs in eastern Ontario to get together for a great game of golf and some friendly competition. These events are generally followed by a lovely reception offered by the host club. These events are great ways to meet new friends and play other golf clubs. Players must have valid handicaps.

Divisions

The Women's Intersectionals include two divisions:

Women – open to all women regardless of age or handicap.

Senior Women – open to all women 50 year of age or older, regardless of handicap.

Flights

Each Division is broken down into 4 flights with up to 4 different Clubs participating in each flight. The flights are arranged according to team placement in the previous year's competitions. (Winning teams move up a level for the next year, while last place teams move down a level.) Generally, this produces flights with similar team handicaps and skills. Flight #1 includes teams with players who have the lowest handicaps and Flight #4 includes teams with players who have the highest handicaps. This allows women to play with other women with like abilities. Competitions are held separately for each flight and are hosted by different golf clubs.

Teams

Teams are made up of 6 Players and 2 Alternatives, for a total of 8 members per team.

Players are ranked by handicap - the No.1 player in the team has the lowest handicap of all team members. No.2 player the next lowest handicap, and so on with No.6 player and the alternates having the highest handicaps.

We can enter 2 teams per division, providing the 2nd team is comprised of players whose handicaps are higher than those on the 1st team.

Team selection is determined in one of two ways and is decided upon annually.

Option 1: Team selection is based on players handicaps once registration is closed.

Option 2: Team selection is based on results of a Club qualifying event, generally a one-round Stableford format stroke play event. This option may be used in years where there is a great deal of interest with more players than can be accommodated on the teams.

Day of play "Order-of-Go" is determined within 1 week of the event and is based on current handicaps.

Game Day Foursomes

Foursomes are made up with a player from each Club. The alternates play first, followed by the players in the #6 position with their team (those with the highest handicaps.) Then the next highest and so on, with the group in the #1 position (those with the lowest handicaps) teeing off last. This makes sure that everyone is as evenly matched as possible.

Game Format

Intersectionals are match play games. So each hole is counted on its own. Your final score is not taken into account at all. Simply put, you keep track of how many holes you “win” compared to the other players in your foursome. The lowest score for each hole “wins” but it doesn’t matter what that score is – it could be a par or a 10!

(Note: because this is a flighted event, strokes are not “given/received” by individual players. – so there is nothing to keep track of except your gross score on each hole!)

Example: If you score a 4 on hole #1 and Player 2 gets a 3, and Players 3 & 4 score 5 each, then you “win” that hole against Players 3 & 4, and Player 2 “wins” the hole against you and the other 2 Players. And so on throughout the round. Your match is over with the other individual players when you have won or lost more holes than there are left to play. Points are awarded accordingly at the end of the round. (Please note, points are not awarded to the “alternates’ round” unless a tie-breaker is needed.) You earn 2 points for each match “won” against another player; 1 point for each match “halved” (tied) and 0 points for a loss.

At the end of the day, all points are added up for all players and the Club with the most points “wins” the event. So, while yes, there will be winners, it is mostly a day to enjoy the game and the company of other women from other clubs. There is usually a friendly get together after the rounds when teams enjoy a cold beverage and are treated to some good food. This is a remarkably fun day, and everyone enjoys themselves!

Team Shirts

Our Club supports its Intersectional Teams and provide team shirts for our players! Team shirts must be ordered several weeks in advance to allow for team embroidery.

Cost

Not only are the Intersectional events a great experience and opportunity to meet and play with other women, but they are also a great way to play other golf courses at little or no cost. Our Club generously covers the \$10 player fee, along with team shirts. Green fees are covered by the host club, however players pay for power carts if they choose to ride.