

# **Ky Best Ball**

A Kentucky Golf Association Program

## **Local Qualifier Host Manual**

## **What it is**

The Ky Best Ball is a 4-person net best ball golf tournament where Kentucky amateur golfers compete in Local Qualifying events in an attempt to earn a spot in the State Championship. The 2017 State Championship will take place on October 2, 2017, at the Champions Course at Keene Trace Golf Club in Nicholasville, KY.

## **Format**

Each team member will play their ball and the team score to count is based on the following multiple best ball format: Par 3's – 3 net best balls, Par 4's – 2 net best balls, and Par 5's – 1 net best ball.

## **Team Composition**

Each team is made up of four amateurs who have an active Handicap Index at KGA or allied golf association member facility. Teams may be made up of all men or women, and also feature a mix of both men and women. Golfers of all ages are allowed to participate. However, golfers under the age of 18 must have an adult sign the participant registration form on their behalf and have an adult accompany them at all times.

## **Team Handicap Allowance**

The Ky Best Ball follows the USGA Handicap System. At all Ky Best Ball events, handicaps will be applied utilizing the following handicap allowance system:

1. Each team member will be given 80% of their Course Handicap.
2. The maximum allowable Handicap Index shall be 28.0. Should a competitor have a Handicap Index above 28.0 (i.e. 30), that competitor's Handicap Index shall be adjusted to a 28.0 before the 80% adjustment.

## **Scoring**

All teams play an 18 hole stipulated round, and each team member's adjusted Course Handicap will be applied per the published handicap holes on the course's scorecard.

## **Local Qualifiers**

1. 36 local qualifiers will be held in 2017.
2. Open to any golf course in Kentucky that will make a full effort to recruit as many teams as possible, but understand at five (5) teams are needed to hold a local qualifier.
3. Each course determines if a Local Qualifier is Open or Closed.
4. Registration as a Local Qualifying Host opens March 13, 2017.
5. Course wanting to host a Local Qualifier must register by May 30, 2017.
6. The first 36 courses to register will be authorized to host a Local Qualifier.

## **Local Qualifier Competition Dates**

Local Qualifiers will be conducted between June 1 and August 30, 2017

## **Starting Format**

Per discretion of the local qualifying course

## **Local Qualifier Entry Fee**

Each local qualifying site shall collect \$140 (\$35 per player) from each team participating in the local qualifier. The \$140 per participating team is sent to the KGA after the local qualifier is held. Also, the local

qualifying site has the option to charge each participating team an additional entry fee they deem necessary. It is recommended local qualifying sites charge an additional entry fee to cover a prize fund and any course player fees (i.e. cart and green fees).

### **Advancing**

36 teams advance to the State Championship (one team from each Local Qualifier). If there are fewer than 36 Local Qualifiers the additional State Championship Qualifiers will be determined based on the participation percentage at Local Qualifiers. All teams advancing from Local Qualifying will use their USGA Handicap Index as of September 15, 2017, for the State Championship.

### **State Championship Team Composition**

Qualifying team plus the Local Qualifiers PGA Professional. If for whatever reason, a member of a team is unable to compete in the next level of competition due to extenuating circumstances, that members team may find an alternative competitor to substitute in that team members position beyond the Local Qualifying level. Max 2 alternates

### **Alternates**

If an advancing team is unable to compete at the State Championship, the team finishing immediately behind them (known as the “first alternate”) will be provided with an opportunity to advance to the next level. If the first alternate team is unable to compete at the next level or does not complete their registration for that level in time, the team finishing immediately behind them (known as the “second alternate”) will be provided with an opportunity to advance to the next level. If the second alternate team is unable to compete, Kentucky Golf Association reserves the right to select an alternate team from another Local Qualifier at their sole discretion.

### **State Championship Entry Fee**

\$375 per team (\$75 per player) includes player fees, food/beverage, deluxe player gifts and prize fund. NOTE: The State Championship fee is an additional fee. Any team qualifying for the State Championship is responsible for this additional fee.

Note: The Kentucky Golf Association will issue Prize Certificates at the State Championship, and they will be redeemable at the Championship Site or the team’s home course golf shop.

## **HOST RESPONSIBILITIES - LOCAL QUALIFIER**

A member of the Local Qualifying Host staff must be on-site for the event and manage the tournament. The Host Professional will be responsible for the following duties:

### **Site Registration**

Each course wanting to host a local qualifier should complete the online site registration card no later than May 30. Click here for online registration link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kybestball>

### **Promotion**

The Ky Best Ball will be promoted on the kygolf.org website and various forms of social media. Each Local Qualifier will be listed on the kygolf.org website unless the qualifying site requests otherwise. The local qualifying site can be listed as “open” or “closed” on the website.

### **Team Registration**

Each Local Qualifier is responsible for registering and collecting entry fees for all local qualifying teams.

## **Local Qualifier Fees and Report**

Local qualifying sites must submit their local qualifier report within two (2) weeks of the competition of the qualifier. Local qualifier fees (\$140 per team) and the State Championship entry fee (\$375) should be included in that report. The report and fees must be mailed to the Kentucky Golf Association, 1116 Elmore Just Drive, Louisville, Ky 40245, Louisville, Kentucky 40245.

## **Administration**

As this is a statewide competition, every effort should be made by the local qualifying site to administer this as a big event. Each local qualifier is asked that each team is provided a printed scorecard, notice to teams (template to be provided), cart signs and professional looking scoreboard.

## **Course Setup**

Each Golf course should not be setup overly difficult for the local qualifier. Remember the goal is for players to have fun.

## **Flagsticks and Hole Locations**

Host flagsticks and flags shall be used for the event. The Host Professional shall ensure hole locations are determined in the same manner as they are for daily play.

## **Tee Locations**

At the State Championship, the course will be setup using the following chart, and Course Handicaps will be adjusted per Section 3.5 of the USGA Handicap System. Note: the maximum course length for the Amateur tees will be no more than 6,600 yards. If the State Championship course is no longer than 6,200 yards, the Amateur and Senior tees will be placed together.

## **Onsite Check-In**

Onsite check-in areas should be made available for the players to check in at least 30 minutes in advance of their starting time. This area should be setup, so it is easy to find and provide a welcoming environment. At Check-In, the staff should confirm with the player their group/hole assignment and provide their scorecard, Notice to Players and any key information about the facility (i.e. the location of restrooms, range, snack bar, etc.).

## **Scorecard and Rules Sheet**

The Host Professional shall provide to players an Official Team Score and Notice to Players (Rules Sheet) customized for the host course. The NTP template will be emailed to the Host in advance of the event.

## **Cart Setup**

Each Host Professional is asked to have the carts staged in a manner typical for a regular course event. It is asked that cart signs be placed on the carts.

## **Pace of Play Monitoring**

Each Host Professional is asked to have one person continuously drive the course as a Rover during the tournament. The best practice is to have at least one Rover on the back 9 and one on the front 9.

## **Scoring**

## **Scoreboard**

There is not a standard scoreboard template provided to local qualifiers. Courses are asked to ensure the scoreboard look professional and have a header with the Ky Best Ball name being prominent.

## **Prize Certificates**

A Prize Certificate Payout allocation should be provided to each team at the start of the competition as well as posted on the Scoreboard.

## **RULES AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

### **Amateurism**

All team members competing in the Ky Best Ball must maintain their amateur status, according to the USGA Rules of Amateur Status. Professionals are not allowed to compete in the Ky Best Ball (exception is the State Championship as the Professional) In the event a team member loses their amateur status, that team member will no longer be allowed to compete in the Ky Best Ball.

If a team member maintained their amateur status when competing in a Local Qualifying event and foregoes their amateur status after competing in a Local Qualifying event, that team member will no longer be allowed to compete in the Ky Best Ball. If the remaining team members currently maintain their amateur status, they will still be allowed to compete but must adhere to the competitor substitution requirements.

### **Distance Measuring Device**

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only.

If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), regardless of whether any such additional functions are used, the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification

### **Round Time Limit**

Ky Best Ball events should not be played beyond 4 ½ hours. During play, should a group fall behind the established time, the following procedures should be utilized to ensure that no groups are holding up the course of play and impeding the time par.

### **Pace of Play Warning**

If a group is found to have fallen behind a scheduled 4 ½ time par, as assessed by allocating 14 minutes per Par 3 played, 15 minutes per Par 4 played, and 17 minutes per Par 5 played; that group is provided with a verbal warning by the event host asking to speed up play. This verbal warning will be issued at the full discretion of the event host and must be followed by all participants. Once a verbal warning is issued, each group must finish a Par 3 within a 14-minute time limit, a Par 4 within a 15-minute time limit, and a Par 5 within a 17-minute time limit.

### **Penalty**

Should a team not complete a hole within the parameters set that team will be assessed with a 1 Stroke Penalty added to the total team score and will continue to remain on the clock. The team in question will continue to receive an additional 1 Stroke Penalty on any hole not completed within the allocated time until they complete a hole within the time parameters and are taken off the clock.