

### **ABCD Santa Ball Rules:**

USGA Rules govern play.

**Mark, clean and place ball within one club length in same cut of grass.**

Local rules on #2 and #16 are not in play. If you hit it out of bounds you must re-hit from the original spot. Stroke and distance penalty.

In the event of a question as to how to proceed a player may play 2 balls per USGA Rule #3-3 but he must use the following procedure.

1. Announce to a competitor the intention to play a second ball.
2. Announce which ball he wants to score with if the rules permit.
3. Report all facts to the Committee unless both balls are the same score.

**"D" PLAYERS** - The D player of your team may choose to play from the Gold Tees, however the player's handicap will be adjusted down by 2 strokes. Example an 18 will play as a 16. **YOU MUST INDICATE** on your scorecard if you play the Gold Tees. Failure to do so will result in team disqualification!

Ties will be broken using the recommended USGA card matching procedures.

### **"Santa Ball":** *(a gift from your Board)*

Add a designated ball to each foursome to score with as a tournament within a "Santa Ball" tournament. **A, B, C and D hdcp team**, *(selected by the computer)* and an individual event.

### **Format:**

- This is a 4 Man Team event and an **Individual Event** played at **100% handicap**.
- Teams are established by the computer, each with an A, B, C and D player.
- Each team has one marked ball called Santa's Ball. This ball rotates from player to player, hole by hole. **A** player on holes # 1, 2, 9, 14 & 16. Player **B** plays Santa's Ball on # 3, 6, 10, 12 & 13. Followed by **C** on holes # 4, 8, 11, & 15. **D** on holes # 5, 7, 17, & 18. When it is a player's turn to play **Santa's Ball** he must use that ball until holed out.
- The team score will be the **combination of 2 scores**, the net score of the player with **Santa's Ball** plus the lowest net score from the remaining three players.
- The winning team will be the team with the lowest team net score (as defined above) of the teams **finishing** with Santa's Ball and will qualify for the TOC.
- Flight winners will qualify for the TOC. If a team loses **Santa's Ball** they may substitute another ball for the purpose of individual scores only. **In the interest of POP a ball may be temporarily substituted for an OB Santa Ball or as a provisional. If you do play a provisional ball and lose it, in effect you have just lost the "Santa" ball and are now out of the team event.**
- Record each player's **GROSS SCORE** on the official scorecard.
- Record the Santa Ball net score and the lowest net score of the other 3 players in the appropriate place on the scorecard. Circle the players score used to combine with the Santa Ball.
- If you only have 3 players you are an A, B and C team, rotate accordingly (each player would play 6 holes, the "A" the 1-6 hdcp holes the "B" hdcp holes 7-12 and "C" hdcp holes 13-18).
- If a team is short a player and there is a club member available he may be their substitute and becomes the A, B, C or D player depending on his index.
- If the B player misses his tee time he is DQ'd from the tournament. If the A, C or D, players miss their tee time they may still play in the Santa Ball if they join their team before they reach the hole they are to play with the Santa Ball but are DQ'd from the individual tournament.

**Rules Committee:** Dave McNeilly, Levi Fontaine, Dave Delbon

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