PAST PRESIDENTS' CUP REGULATIONS

1.0 Statement of Principle and Purpose

1.1 The Past Presidents' Inter-club Challenge is intended to provide an opportunity for golfers of all handicap levels to participate in a spirit of friendly competition to determine a provincial inter-club champion.

2.0 Organization and Administration

2.1 For purposes hereof, the following terms shall have the meanings as follows:

a. "Competition" means the entirety of the competition and includes all the scheduled matches to decide the inter-club champion; and

b. "Match" means a specific - Home and Home - match in the competition.

2.2 The organization shall consist of:

a. The "Competition Committee"
b. The "Match Committee"

2.3 The Competition Committee shall consist of the following persons:

a. A past president of Golf NB, or designate, assigned by the Golf NB Executive Committee who shall act as Golf NB Chair for the event.

b. The current chairman of the Tournament and Rules Committee, or their designate;

c. The Executive Director of Golf New Brunswick (Golf NB), or their designate;

2.4 The Competition Committee shall be responsible for:

a. shall prior to June 1 of each golf year, setting and overseeing the completion of the scheduled draw;

b. shall organize and administer the final match,

c. shall adjudicate any disputes or uncertain issues referred by the match committee. The decision of the Competition Committee is final

2.5 The Match Committee shall consist of the following persons:

a. The appointed captains from both clubs participating in the match.

2.6 The Match Committee shall be responsible for:

a. shall administer the match in accordance with the Rules of Golf and the regulations of this competition.

b. shall attempt to resolve all disputes and uncertain issues arising during the play of the match in accordance with the Rules of Golf and the spirit of the competition.

c. shall refer, in writing, to the Competition Committee, any disputed or uncertain issue. It is preferable that these disputes be dealt with before any match is to be played. The decision of the Competition Committee shall be final.

d. shall identify the winning team to the Golf NB Office as soon as possible upon the completion of the match.

3.0 **Teams**

3.1 Only persons holding valid full year membership in a Golf NB Category I member club shall be eligible to play on a team. Membership shall be evidenced by a Golf NB / Golf Canada Membership card.

3.2 A player may not be eligible during a particular year to play for more than one club. A player who is a member of more than one member club should declare prior to play of the first matches which club he will play for.

3.3 The club team shall consist of a captain (who may be a playing or non-playing captain) and 16 players for each particular match. The club team does not have to consist of the same particular players for each match of the competition.

3.4 Each team shall be divided into 5 handicap factor flights for each match as follows:

Flight	# of Players per Flight	Handicap Factor
A	2	6.9 and lower
B	4	7.0 to 11.9
C	4	12.0 to 15.9
D	4	16.0 to 19.9
E	2	20.0 and +

3.5 During a particular competition season, a player may not play a subsequent match in a higher handicap flight regardless if his/her handicap factor between matches has increased to make him/her eligible to play in the higher flight.

Exception: An exception shall be provided for a player who plays at a lower flight because there are not sufficient players with proper handicap factors at the lower flight.

3.6 Each club shall have full discretion to determine its team members for a particular match. It is recommended that where several club members wish to participate in the competition, the club use some form of competition to seed its members to play in the competition.

3.7 Each Captain is responsible for submitting a full roster of team members to their opposition and Golf NB, prior to the playing of each match as directed in Appendix ‘A’ (Declaration of Captain(s) & Team(s).

4.0 **Draw**

4.1 Member Clubs shall enter the competition by letter, facsimile or E-mail to Golf NB prior to May 15th of each year using the entry form provided by Golf NB and paying the stipulated entry fee. The entry form shall designate the contact person at the club for purposes of the competition and other information as required.

4.2 Member clubs that enter the competition shall be organized geographically to minimize travel costs in early matches of the competition.

4.3 The Competition Committee shall prepare a draw in such a manner that the two final clubs shall be geographically divided on an "East/West" or North/South basis. The "visiting" and "host" clubs shall be also determined by lot with the club that is "higher" in the draw being designated as the "host club."

4.4 The rounds will consist of home and home matches.

4.5 a. The **final deadline**, date and time, of all matches will be set out in the play down brackets.

b. If the date and time of a match is changed for any reason, both Captains must agree to the change.

All participating clubs, and Teams, are required to work collaboratively with opposing teams and clubs in order to insure a prompt, and mutually agreeable, playing of each round of the Past Presidents' Cup Challenge, on or before the deadlines as stipulated, and scheduled, by Golf New Brunswick.

Clubs, and teams, who violate the conditions as indicated above, may be subject to disqualification from current and future playing of the Past Presidents' Cup Challenge.

c. Under no circumstances will a date later than outlined on the play down bracket be accepted. **No extensions of match deadlines will be granted**.

d i. In the event that a match is suspended due to inclement weather, unplayable course conditions, or a dangerous situation, match play rules apply (that is, the match is resumed at the point of interruption).

ii. Should a match be suspended and cannot be completed on the day of suspension, the match must be resumed within one week at a mutually agreed upon time. In the absence of an agreement, the match shall be resumed at noon of the following Sunday.

iii. Should a match be suspended and completed on a subsequent day, either side may substitute players in the resumption of the match as long as their handicaps still fall within the ranges permitted within Regulation 3.4. Any substitutions must be shared with the opposing Captain prior to resumption of play.

iv. Should a match be suspended and completed on a subsequent date, the Golf NB office is to be notified of the status of the match at the time of suspension, and the date and time play will be resumed.

4.6 Failure to complete a match in accordance with the draw may result in the disqualification of either or both teams.

5.0 **Form of Play**

5.1 Each inter-club match shall consist of 8 two-person matches as follows:

Flight	# of matches
A	1
B	2
C	2
D	2
E	1

5.2 The order of matches shall be by flight with the flight A match being match #1 and the flight E match being match #8.

5.3 Pairings shall be determined by each captain simultaneously passing the order of his/her pairings to the other captain prior to the commencement of the match.

5.4 Each two person match shall consist of 18 holes; the "front" nine shall be played four ball better ball format (See Rule 30); the "back" nine shall be played " Pinehurst" format.

Pinehurst Format: The partners both drive on each hole and then each plays a 2nd shot with the other's ball. After the 2nd shots, a choice is made regarding the ball with which the hole will be completed, playing alternate shots (See Rule 29), until the hole is completed.

5.5 Each two person match within the flight shall be played "straight up" with no allowance for handicap strokes within the flight.

5.6 Each hole of the match shall be worth 1 point so that each match is worth 18 points. The winner of the hole shall be credited with one point. A halved hole shall result in each side winning ½ a point.

5.7 A team which scores 144.5 points or greater shall be the winner of the match.

5.8 In the event that each team shall score 144 points, the participants in one of the 8 matches shall be selected by lot to participate in a sudden-victory playoff. The playoff shall commence on hole #1 and be played under the four-ball format.

6.0 **Rules of Competition**

6.1 The Competition shall be played under the Rules of Golf as approved by Golf Canada.

6.2 The Match Committee shall agree on the Local Rules of the match prior to play, ensuring that the agreed upon Local Rules are not contrary to the Rules of Golf, or the Schedule 'B' Rules.

6.3 The use of "preferred lies" and "winter rules" is discouraged. (See Golf NB Guidelines on course marking attached).

6.4 As this event is a designed to be a friendly competition, all matches should be played from the “white” tees, or an equivalent set of tees that results in a total course length of approximately 5800 ~ 6300 yards.

7.0 **Handicaps**

7.1 The success and enjoyment of this competition is dependent in part upon the use of the handicap system.

7.2 The team captain should ensure that the club complies with current Golf Canada regulations.

7.3 Prior to each match, the captains of both teams shall certify the accuracy of the handicap factors for all of the players participating in the match. Captains are responsible for verifying the handicap factors of all players, regardless of their team. (See Appendix ‘A’, Point #2 & Appendix ‘B’, Interpretation 2)

7.4 In the event it is determined that a player on a team has played in a higher flight than his current handicap factor would otherwise have permitted, or that a player has in any way made false entries in order to achieve a certain handicap factor, **the team shall be immediately DISQUALIFIED from the current year’s competition**. The breach shall be investigated by the Chair of the Tournament & Rules Committee, who may recommend to the Executive Committee further disqualification of the club or players in future years.

8.0 **Finances**

8.1 Each club entering the competition shall pay an entry fee as determined by the NBGA Executive Committee on a yearly basis.

8.2 The "visiting team" shall pay its transportation costs to and from the host club course.

8.3 The "host club" shall provide its course for the matches without charge.

8.4 The "host club" shall provide lunch after the match to the visiting team.

9.0 **Finals**

9.1 The Chair of the Final Match shall be appointed as per Regulation 2.2 a.

9.2 The final match shall be played at a site to be determined annually by Golf NB.

9.3 The final will be a 36-hole match played as per the following schedule:

Saturday (noon) –	Round 1 of the championship
Saturday (evening) -.	Championship Banquet
Sunday (AM) -	Round 2 of the championship

9.4 Players/Teams are entitled to a complimentary practice round prior to the championship final.

9.5 Participating clubs shall be responsible for the travel costs incurred in travelling to the course hosting the final match.

9.6 Golf NB shall pay the basic costs of hotel accommodations (room & tax) for each team for the night prior to the final match (Saturday) and host a dinner (formal) for the players (including a non-playing captain) of the teams participating in the final match. Any additional costs, other than those stated above, will be the sole responsibility of the Team and/or Club.

9.7 Golf NB shall provide a cup to be awarded annually to the winner of the inter-club competition, which may be retained by the winning club during the subsequent season. A further award listing all players who represented the club during the competition shall be presented to the club at the awards dinner.

9.8 Golf NB shall provide Class I officials to be on course during the final match.

10.0 **Name**

10.1 The competition shall be named the ***PAST PRESIDENTS' CUP***.

APPENDIX 'A'
DECLARATION OF CAPTAIN(S) & TEAM(S)

The following procedures must be followed when competing in the Past President's Cup Inter Club Challenge:

1. Each Club must inform Golf NB of the name of the contact person for their Club for purposes of this tournament at the time of registration. That person shall be the "Captain" representing that club until Golf NB is notified to the contrary. The Club shall provide Golf NB an e-mail address and telephone number(s) for the Captain. Golf NB will provide this information to all competing clubs.

2. Before each match, each Captain must prepare and send to the Golf NB Office and to the opposing Captain a list of the players proposed to represent that Club. This list must be sent **no less than 72 hours in advance** of the match. (Example: if the match is to start on Saturday morning at 10:00 am, the list must be sent no later than 10:00 am Wednesday morning.)

3. The list must include each player's most recent handicap factor and the name must be in the same format as it appears in the Golf Canada Score Center. (Example: If the player is William Albert in the Golf Canada Score Center, it should not be listed as Billy Albert in the list provided to Golf NB and the opposition.)

4. "Last minute" changes may be made if an individual is unable to play. The change shall be drawn to the attention of the opposing Captain, and Golf NB, in time to allow the opposing Captain to verify the substituted player's eligibility within the rules for handicapping.

5. It is the duty of each Captain to ensure that every player on their team has been complying with the rules of handicapping. This includes a requirement to ensure that every player is submitting all of their scores so that their handicap factor is a fair representation of their ability to play.

6. Each Captain is expected to check the scoring record of the players on their own team and on the opposing team for compliance. Complaints and questions should be emailed to the captain of the opposing team, with a copy sent to the Golf NB office. Captains are expected to respond to questions and complaints in a timely fashion.

7. The Captains shall attempt to resolve all disputes and uncertain issues arising during the play of the match in accordance with the Rules of Golf and the spirit of the competition. If no resolution can be agreed to all disputes shall be referred, in writing, to the Competition Committee. Decisions of the Competition Committee are final.

8. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE PROCEDURES WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND / OR ENTIRE TEAMS.**

APPENDIX 'B'
INTERPRETATIONS

Interpretation 1 (Item 2.4b)

1) reserved

2) The Final Match is to be overseen by the Competition Committee.

Interpretation 2 (Item 7.3)

1) The event relies on accurate handicapping. It is problematic to use handicap factors as of the actual competition date since clubs may have a qualifying round prior to the competition. This qualifying round could be held one or two weeks prior to the event. Therefore, a player, by posting four or five rounds between qualifying and the match, could conceivably drop his factor into a lower bracket. If a player's handicap factor is, as of the date of the match, lower than the outlined range of handicap factors for the flight in which they are set to compete, the player would be considered ineligible to compete within that flight. This makes it difficult for clubs to name teams. We suggest, that when qualifying rounds are played, the handicap should be the one the player had of that date. If no qualifying round is played, the handicap should be the one the player had as listed on the team entry to the Golf NB office 72 hours in advance of the match. The Captain shall specify the date that the handicap factor was verified.

2) The Slope/Course Ratings of each course is also an important component to this championship. Captains must ensure the clubs are using their correct ratings to determine their factor. Each year the correct slope/rating for each course will be published and certified for this event. Any changes during the season will be circulated to Captains.

3) The Competition Committee must be prepared to make a ruling on a club that has its course and slope rating changed during the summer.

4) As the intention of this event is to allow levels of golfers to participate in a spirit of friendly competition it is also important that these golfers are adhering to the spirit of the Golf Canada Handicap system. The two basic premises of the handicap system are that each player will try and make the best score at every hole in every round and that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review. All players on the team must adhere to the eligibility requirements.

5) In the spirit of the Past President's Cup Inter-Club Challenge, only players with an established handicap factors (more than 5 acceptable scores (Five 18 holes scores or Ten 9 hole scores) in the Golf Canada Score Centre) are eligible to participate. Players with no posted scores in the Golf Canada Score Centre are not eligible to play in the event.

6) Understanding that a variety of situations may limit an individual's ability to play during the initial weeks and months of the golf season, for the initial round of competition only, a player may have scores from the immediate preceding year to count as acceptable scores in the scoring record. In all subsequent matches, the scoring record **must** be in the same year as the match being played.

Interpretation 3 (Item 2.5)

1) Since our Class I official designates are “on call” for matches, clubs will have to indicate when the matches will be played and have a phone number for the Class I official on call so they can be reached should a situation arise. The Class I officials do not need to be present, just available by phone for potential conflicts.

Interpretation 4 (Item 3.1)

1) The competition is open to all members, male and female.

Interpretation 5 (Item 5.4)

1) The intention of the Past Presidents’ Cup is to be a team event. With the back nine of the match played under the Pinehurst format; each match must have two players on each team. If a team cannot have two members they must forfeit the points on the back nine on any holes where there is only one member of the team.