



Process for Qualifying for the 2026 Cal Cup Team

The popular LPGA Amateur Cal Cup Tournament is held annually. Most California/Northern Nevada Chapters meet up in a two day match play tournament. In 2024, and 2025, our Sacramento Chapter team secured the trophy. Both competitions were very close! This year, Orange County is hosting the tournament on November 6-8 at Anaheim Hills Golf Course. Our goal is to assemble a strong team to defend our title.

This is a two-day match play tournament playing Foursome, Fourball and Singles formats. Due to registration deadlines and sufficient time for the team to practice, the team must be identified in advance.

QUALIFYING INFORMATION

All Chapter members with a handicap are eligible to compete for a spot on the 2026 Sacramento Cal Cup team. In an effort to provide opportunities for everyone, we have identified multiple avenues for qualifying. (NOTE: Additional qualifications for competitors may be established by the 2026 Cal Cup Committee and our Chapter will adopt and comply with any established requirements.)

QUALIFYING PROCESS

Team Selection

Two Players from Chapter Championship

Low Gross and Low Net from the Chapter Championship qualify.

If either decline, a “merged list” of all members who played in either Chapter Championship date will be created. Those who played both dates will be placed in the merged list using the round with the lowest score.

If the Low Gross Champion declines to advance, the merged list (sorted by gross scores) will be used to continue down the list until a Gross score competitor is selected.

If the Low Net Champion declines to advance, the merged list (sorted by net score) will be used to continue down the list until a Net score competitor is selected.

In the event of ties, the round which is on the merged list will be used for tiebreaker using USGA method of matching scorecards.

Eight Players from 2 Qualifying Rounds

2 players based on gross scores during qualifying rounds and 6 players based on net scores from qualifying rounds.

Qualifying Rounds: June 20, Timber Creek Golf Course and August 9, Teal Bend Golf Course. (If a round must be rescheduled for any reason, an alternate date and location for qualifying will be announced.)

At the completion of BOTH rounds, players will be placed into a list using gross scores. The Column A vs. Column B round will be determined by coin flip at the conclusion of the 2nd qualifying round. (Sample list shown below.)

Column A Round	Gross Score	Column B Round	Gross Score
Sally	82	Betsy	84
June	83	Ebony	86

In this example, Sally would be offered the first gross spot and Betsy the second. If either declined, spots would be offered by alternating Column A to B on down, i.e. June, Ebony, etc.

Once the two gross players have been identified, the same list is prepared using Net Scores and the same process followed until six net players have been identified.

In the event of ties, the USGA method of matching scorecards will be utilized.

NOTE: In regard to the NET players, the above process will be adjusted to implement a percentage of players selected from each round if either round has fewer than 12 players attempting to qualify.

Two Players selected by the Team Captain

The team captain may select from any Chapter member who attempted to qualify for Cal Cup. After exhausting the list, the Captain may select any Chapter member.

OTHER INFORMATION

Team Captain

The Team Captain is selected by vote of the 10 qualifying players.

Team Substitutes

After the team roster has been submitted to the Cal Cup Committee, substitutions may be necessary based on unforeseen circumstances. At this point, the Captain may replace a team member using any Chapter member to fill the vacancy.

Handicaps

Per Cal Cup policy, the maximum allowable handicap index for a team member is 40.0. Players attempting to qualify will be limited to 40.0 handicap.

Participant's Financial Obligations

Participants are responsible for their own costs associated with this tournament. This includes fees such as travel, hotel, food, and approximately \$450 in registration fees for the Cal Cup weekend of events.