

UNITED STATES CROQUET ASSOCIATION NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT

REGULATIONS FOR TOURNAMENTS

1. INTRODUCTION

The North Carolina District shall provide annual tournaments to promote competition among the membership.

2. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

North Carolina District tournaments shall be managed in accord with the following general considerations:

- a. Tournament sites and formats should be chosen to accommodate all members who wish to compete.
- b. Formats should be chosen to provide fair competition for all players.
- c. Formats should provide all players with play on all or most days of the tournament.
- d. Different sites around the state should be used, when practical. If necessary, different flights of a tournament may compete at different times and / or different sites.
- e. In a level (non-bisque) event, the preferred handicap range for a non-championship flight is two or less. Handicap (bisque) play may be used in non-championship flights where appropriate.
- f. One or more social events (e.g., a tournament banquet) should be included, but costs and entry fees should be kept to the lowest reasonable amount.
- g. Tournaments should be scheduled so as to avoid conflicts with other tournaments in the region and with National Titled Events.
- h. Tournaments shall be sanctioned by the USCA.

3. TOURNAMENTS

North Carolina District tournaments shall be:

- a. North Carolina State Championship (American Rules).
 1. Entry is open to all members of the North Carolina District. Other USCA members (e.g., who live in another state but primarily play in NC) may enter with the approval of the District President.
 2. The Tayloe Trophy shall be engraved with the name of the winner of Championship Flight Singles. Only North Carolina District members are eligible for this award.
- b. North Carolina Club Teams Championship (American Rules)
 1. Entry is open to all USCA members in good standing who are bona fide members of a USCA-affiliated North Carolina croquet club.
 2. Each entry must be a doubles pair in which both players are bona fide members of the same USCA-affiliated North Carolina croquet club.

3. Each entry will represent their USCA-affiliated North Carolina croquet club. If a pair is eligible to represent more than one such club, they will declare which club they are representing before the tournament begins. There is no limit on the number of entries per club.
 4. The Penwell Trophy shall be engraved with the name of the club whose players earn the highest total score, as follows: in any flight comprised of five or more doubles pairs, 1st place = 6 points, 2nd place = 4 points, 3rd place = 2 points, 4th place = 1 point; in a flight comprised of four doubles pairs, 1st place = 4 points, 2nd place = 2 points, 3rd place = 1 point; if two or more clubs are tied on points, the winner shall be the club with the highest-placing entry in Championship Flight (or in First Flight if neither club has an entry in Championship Flight, etc.).
- c. North Carolina Open (International Rules)
 1. Entry is open to all players who are members in good standing of a croquet association recognized by the World Croquet Federation.
 2. Entries may be limited to match site and format constraints, as determined by the tournament committee. If the event is oversubscribed, the tournament committee may select the entry based on highest World Ranking, or according to the first-come, first-served principle, or by a combination of the two. This shall be indicated on the tournament entry form.
 3. At such future time as International Rules play becomes more popular among the membership, additional or expanded International Rules tournaments should be offered.
 - d. Inter-club challenges shall be promoted.
 - e. Other tournaments may be provided.

4. WITHDRAWAL POLICY

- a. A player who withdraws from a tournament before the entry deadline shall receive a refund, minus any processing fee as set by the President and the Advisory Committee.
- b. A player who withdraws from a tournament after the entry deadline, at any time up to the end of the event, for any reason other than a family emergency or valid medical excuse:
 1. shall not receive a refund, and;
 2. shall be ineligible to enter North Carolina District tournaments for a period of one year.