



NOVA SCOTIA  
GOLF ASSOCIATION

# TRUE PINEHURST FORMAT

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## **EQUIPMENT:**

Competitors are not permitted to share clubs with their partners if the total number of clubs between them exceeds fourteen (14). (Rule 4-1b).

## **FORMAT OF PLAY:**

- There will be one (1) crossover on every hole.
- On each hole:
  - 1st Stroke - Each Partner hits a ball off the Tee.
  - 2nd Stroke - Partners crossover and hit each other's ball.
  - 3rd Stroke – Partners choose one of the balls to complete the hole and play alternate strokes until the ball is holed. The owner of the ball plays the 3rd stroke.
  - Finish the hole with the ball chosen for the third stroke. (Unless it is lost or not retrievable from a hazard.)

## **BALL IN PLAY:**

Once a team has made their selection of a ball to complete the play of a hole, the team must complete the hole with that ball. You are not permitted to substitute the ball on the putting green unless permitted by a Rule (i.e., damaged ball).

## **PROVISIONAL BALL:**

Section III Competitions in The Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, *Section 9B: Greensomes* will govern the rules of play for the NSGA Women's Pinehurst.

*"Pinehurst Foursomes both players tee off, then they switch golf balls. Meaning, both players tee off, then Player A play's Player B's ball, and Player B plays Player A's ball. After the second shots, they then select which ball they will continue to play, and that ball is then played by alternate shot until holed. The process restarts on the next hole."*

If Player A hits from the teeing ground and the ball could be lost or out of bounds, Rule 18.3 - *Provincial Ball* should be implemented. Player B will play a provisional ball from the tee. If the original ball is found, within the 3-minute permitted search period and is in bounds, the next shot with that ball will be made by Player B.

Once the crossover has been completed, any provisional ball must be played in true Alternate Shot format. e.g. Player A hits a possible lost ball, Player B will hit the provincial shot.

A ball which has been hit into a penalty area is still in play, even though it may be lost into the penalty area. Consequently, a *Provisional Ball* is not permitted if it is known or virtually certain the original ball entered the penalty area. The competitors must exercise their options for Rule 17-1b.

