

BALL STRIKER SHIPPEN CUP COMPETITION

The Ball Striker Shippen Cup competition provides for a point system instead of an elimination/bracket system. Every Ball Striker event will include a Shippen Cup competition. Inter club matches and the Club Championship will include Shippen Cup stroke play competition only. All other events will include Shippen Cup match play and stroke play competition. Every Ball Striker member attending the event will participate in the Shippen Cup competition with the opportunity to collect Shippen Cup points as outlined below. All Shippen Cup competitions (match and stroke play) will be handicapped, giving all members an equal chance to win points. Members can not participate in the Shippen Cup competition without a valid USGA handicap.

MATCH PLAY: At each Shippen Cup match play competition will be either individual match play (one member plays against another member), or two member team match play (team best ball / fourball or Pinehurst). About 50% of the events will be individual match play and 50% team match play. The winner of an individual match will collect 10 Shippen Cup points for regular Shippen Cup events and 20 points for Major Shippen Cup events. For team match play both players on the winning team will collect 10 Shippen Cup points for regular Shippen Cup events and 20 points for Major Shippen Cup events.

If the number of players in an event is not even, one player will be selected to participate in an **"odd player match"**. That player will be matched against a player who is playing his primary individual match against a third player. If the "odd player" wins his match, he will collect the winner's point share (10 Shippen Cup points). His opponent cannot collect points in the "odd player match" even if he wins. The opponent can only collect points in his primary match.

SETTING UP THE MATCHES: The list of players participating in a Shippen Cup event who are eligible for the competition are listed by their handicap index. For individual match play competitions, a player is matched against the player with the closest handicap index. For team match play, the players are placed in groups of 4 with those in each group having the closest handicap index to one another. From the groups the 2 player teams are formed by teaming the lowest handicap index player with the highest handicap index player against the two middle handicap index players. Exceptions are made as follows:

- During a Shippen Cup season players cannot oppose the same player twice in individual or team match play unless it is unavoidable.
- During a Shippen Cup season players cannot team with the same player twice in team match play unless it is unavoidable.
- For Pinehurst competitions players ***may*** be given the option of selecting their team partners.

DEFAULTS: After the last posting of Shippen Cup match pairings on the Ball Striker website any member who does not show up for his scheduled match will lose his match by default. His opponent will win the match by default. For team matches (fourball), if any team member fails to show up for his match his team will lose the match by default and the opposing team will win

the match by default. The team member who does show up will be matched against the opposing team member with the closest handicap index in an "odd player match" (see description of "odd player match" above) giving that member the opportunity to win Shippen Cup match play points.

STROKE PLAY: For all Shippen Cup events (individual and team) except Pinehurst the stroke play competition will be based on your **individual** total net score. For Pinehurst events the stroke play competition will be based on the team net score with each player on the team collecting the point totals listed below. Shippen Cup points will be awarded as follows:

	<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>
Individual Low Net Champion	30 points	60 points
Individual Low Net 2nd Place	20 points	40 points
Individual Low Net 3rd Place	15 points	30 points
Individual Low Net 4th thru 10th Place	10 points	20 points
Individual Low Net 11th and higher*	5 points	10 points

The Ball Striker club championship and Inter club competitions will have Shippen Cup stroke play competition only. Each day's competition at these events will be considered a Shippen Cup stroke play event. Shippen Cup stroke play points will be awarded as outlined above; each club championship event will be considered a major; each inter club event will be a regular event. In addition, to compensate for the lack of match play points, supplemental points for stroke play only Shippen Cup competitions will be awarded. All golfers finishing in the top 50% of the field will receive 10 points in regular events and 20 points in major events.

* Note that participants get points for just showing up for an event.

TIES: Match play matches that end in a tie will result in the players evenly splitting the points. In an individual match play match where the winner would get 10 points, each player would get 5 points if the match ended in a tie. Likewise, if a team match play match ends in a tie the winner's points is split evenly between the four players. In stroke play points will be evenly split between all players with the same score. If three players tie with the lowest net score they would evenly split the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place points. The next player would get 4th place points.

GIMMIES: Because of the stroke play component of the Shippen Cup competition there are absolutely positively **no gimmie putts** under any circumstances. Your hole scoring ends when your ball is in the hole. If you mistakenly pick up your ball you must replace it with a one stroke penalty or record the maximum score for the hole.

MAXIMUM SCORES: To make the maximum score provision fair for all handicaps use the following procedure. Everyone's maximum net score will be double par for the hole being played. If you are receiving any handicap strokes on the hole those strokes must be added to your maximum net score to get your maximum gross score.

Examples:

- If you are a 12 handicap your maximum gross score on holes with handicap numbers 1 through 12 will be double par for the hole plus 1 (for the handicap stroke you receive for the hole). Your maximum gross score on holes with handicap numbers 13 through 18 will be double par for the hole. If you pick up on a par 3 and it is the number 12 handicap hole:

$$\text{gross} = (3 \times 2) + 1 = 7$$

$$\text{net} = (3 \times 2) = 6$$

record 7 on your score card for the hole

- If you are a 22 handicap your maximum gross score on holes with handicap numbers 1 through 4 will be double par for the hole plus 2 (for the handicap strokes you receive for the hole). Your maximum gross score on holes with handicap numbers 5 through 18 will be double par for the hole plus 1 (for the handicap stroke you receive for the hole). If you pick up on a par 5 and it is the number 4 handicap hole:

$$\text{gross} = (5 \times 2) + 2 = 12$$

$$\text{net} = (5 \times 2) = 10$$

record 12 on your score card for the hole

There is no difference between a player who "picks up" on a hole and records his/her maximum gross score and a player who completes the same hole recording his/her maximum gross score. If these two players were involved in an individual match, their net scores for the hole would be equal and the hole would be halved.

UNFINISHED ROUNDS: If a player does not finish his round and the golf committee decides that under the prevailing conditions (weather, sunlight, etc) the round should have been completed, the player will record the maximum score (as described in the MAXIMUM SCORES section) for each hole that was not completed.

SPORTSMANSHIP: A good sport helps opponents search for lost balls. Do not use your superior knowledge of the rules of golf to intimidate opponents, or call violations after the fact on purpose, to your advantage. If someone is about to break a rule warn them in advance, if you can. **Always remember we are here to have FUN.**

SCHEDULING: The Ball Strikers 2010 schedule had 11 events (including the 2 round club championship) that were not matches with other clubs. Assuming a similar 2012 schedule, there will be 5 individual match play events, 4 team match play events and the 2 rounds of the club championship on the 2012 Shippen Cup competition schedule. For at least one team match members will have the option to select their team partner. Team pairings should not be duplicated in the same season. Individual opponents should not be duplicated in the same season. Guests can participate in Shippen Cup team competitions (especially to provide a team mate for a member). Guests must have a valid USGA handicap to participate. Guests cannot be awarded Shippen Cup points. Pairings will be posted on the website (www.njballstrikers.com) and communicated to members via email two days before the event. Posted pairings are final.

FORWARD TEES

- Anyone age 60 or over with a handicap index of 23 or over can request to play from the forward tees. If the golf committee grants your request, you must play from the forward tees for the entire season.
- Anyone age 70 or over can request to play from the forward tees. If the golf committee grants your request, you must play from the forward tees for the entire season.

BACK TEES - Anyone with a handicap index less than 20 can request to play from the back tees. If the golf committee grants your request, you must play from the back tees for the entire season.

FORWARD TEES, BACK TEES and REGULAR TEES will be determined by the golf committee for each Ball Striker event. All tee options may not be available at every event (especially club matches).

SUMMARY: Current member Shippen Cup Point totals will be maintained on the Ball Striker website (www.njballstrikers.com). At the end of the season the top three Shippen Cup point holders will be awarded prizes. This competition is designed to encourage participation in club events, encourage competition within the club and sharpen member match play and stroke play skills. Most importantly, it's designed to make Ball Striker events more fun.