



Official Rules for Local Tournaments

To be eligible for the 2016 Audi quattro Cup United States Final, local tournaments must be in compliance with all rules as stated in this document and as delineated by the USGA (www.USGA.org).

- + Tournaments cannot be carried out on a par-3 course.
- + Tournaments must be carried out within the host dealer's area.
- + Tournaments must be completed by July 22, 2016.
- + If a team wins their local qualifying tournament and attends the United States Final, each member of that team is ineligible to attend and compete in the U.S. Final for the next two consecutive years. (e.g. participants at the 2015 US Final are not eligible to qualify for a US Final again before 2018 even with a different partner)
- + Participants must be either a member of the hosting golf club or invited by the Audi Dealer hosting and organizing the local tournament.
- + All golfers must be registered prior to their local tournaments at www.audiquattrocup.us.
- + All local tournaments must have at least 48 golfers and cannot exceed 120 golfers.
- + Golfers may only play in one local tournament per year.
- + Teams are made up of two people.
- + All golfers must be 21 years of age on or before February 1, 2016.
- + Men and women are not segregated — teams can be men, women or co-ed.
- + The quattro Cup Tournament is an amateurs-only event. Professional golfers may not compete. Additionally, employees and contractors of Audi of America, Volkswagen Group of America and authorized Audi dealerships, as well as their immediate family members, are also not eligible to participate. ("Immediate family" includes the employee's or contractor's spouse, parents, children, siblings and in-laws.)
- + All golfers must have an established USGA Handicap Index.
 - ▶ Single handicap index limit: 36.0
 - ▶ Team handicap index limit: 56.0
 - ▶ Maximum handicap index difference between both players: 20 points

Game Mode for Local Tournaments

The method of play for all Audi quattro Cup tournaments is Select Drive Alternate Shot (Greensome Stableford, please refer to USGA Handicap Manual -- Section 9: Handicap Competitions for general rules www.usga.org/Handicapping/handicap-manual.html#!rule-14387)

- + Both players hit a tee shot.
- + The best shot is selected and the partner whose ball was not selected will hit the next shot with the ball that is in play.
- + The team alternates shots until the ball is holed.
- + No "gimme" putts
- + No "Mulligans."
- + Each ball is to be played as it lies and the ball that is selected may not be switched during play of the hole.
- + Please limit time looking for lost balls to two minutes per ball.

Players should mark their scorecards with the gross score for each individual hole. Handicap is applied at the end of the tournament by the tournament committee. Each team is to keep score of the other team and both teams are to sign the official scorecard before it's turned in. The golf staff will convert the net scores to Stableford points. The winner is the team that scores the highest number of Stableford points.

The scoring in Stableford competitions is made by points awarded in relation to a fixed score (net par) at each hole as shown below:

- + More than one over fixed score or no score return: 0
- + One over fixed: 1
- + Fixed score: 2
- + One under: 3
- + Two under: 4
- + Three under: 5

In the event of a tie, the better net score of handicap holes 1--18 in that order will decide the winner. The selection of holes takes place in accordance with the course's handicap holes with the most difficult hole followed by second most difficult hole, etc. If there is still a tie, the winner will be decided by coin toss.

The Rules Committee shall be comprised of the following: director of local golf club, head golf professional of local golf club, and a representative from Audi.

Allowance for Local Tournaments

- + The player with the lower course handicap is allowed 60% of his course handicap.
- + The player with the higher course handicap is allowed 40% of his course handicap.
- + The maximum course handicap difference between both players shall not be higher than 20.
- + Example:
 - ▶ Player A has a handicap of 18
 - ▶ Player B has a handicap of 10
 - ▶ The team's handicap will be calculated from:
 - ▶ 40% of player A's handicap = 7.2
 - ▶ 60% of player B's handicap = 6
 - ▶ Team handicap = 13.2
- + The minimum age for the United States Final is 21 years.

Scoring Example

Once the team handicap is determined (X), one stroke will be removed from the X most difficult holes, which will yield the net score for that hole. The net score will then be converted into Stableford points.

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HCP	NET
Sample Course M-132/70.9 L-132/76.7	357	495	310	396	171	331	191	168	386	3108	6202		
+/-													
PAR	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	36	72		
HCP Sample	15	3	9	1	11	13	4	6	2				

If the team handicap is 13.2, using proper rounding (0--4 round down, 5--9 round up), the team will get one stroke removed from the 13 most difficult holes.

Eligibility for United States Final

- + One winning team per local tournament will be eligible to participate in the United States Final to be held at Pebble Beach, from August 25--28, 2016. This prize is non-transferable.
- + If a winning team or team member is unable to attend the United States Final, a substitute cannot be sent.
- + Winners of an Audi quattro Cup that was not carried out under the previously mentioned rules cannot qualify for the United States Final.
- + All United States Final golfers will be required to present their updated proof of handicap (certified through individual's local golf club) to Tournament Headquarters by July 27, 2016. Failure to do so will disqualify the team from competing in the United States Final.
 - ▶ Single handicap index limit: 36.0
 - ▶ Team handicap index limit: 56.0
 - ▶ Maximum handicap index difference between both players: 20 points
- + A reduction of an individual's handicap index to the required maximum handicap index is not permitted.
- + United States Final golfers will receive round-trip airfare for one, deluxe hotel accommodations, single occupancy, for three nights (August 25--28, 2016) at The Links at Spanish Bay, round-trip ground transportation to/from the hotel (available on August 25, 2016 and August 28, 2016, only), one round of golf on each tournament day (August 26, 2016, and August 27, 2016), caddie fees during tournament play, all scheduled meals, and an invitation to the Awards Dinner and Ceremony compliments of Audi of America on August 27, 2016. Please note that no part of this award is transferable and this prize has NO CASH VALUE. If both members of a team are unable to attend the United States Final the team will forfeit their prize, the trip is not transferrable to the following year.

- + One dealer representative from each local tournament will receive round-trip airfare for one, hotel accommodations, single occupancy, for three nights (August 25--28, 2016) at The Links at Spanish Bay, round-trip ground transportation to/from the hotel (available on August 25, 2016, and August 28, 2016, only), participation in the non-golfer program which may include one round of golf, all scheduled meals, and an invitation to the Awards Dinner and Ceremony compliments of Audi of America on August 27, 2016. Please note that no part of this award is transferable.
- + Dealer representatives and golfers will be flown in coach class and stay in deluxe hotel accommodations, but are welcome to upgrade either at their own expense.
- + Participants are responsible for any airline baggage fees, incidentals, flight/hotel upgrades or extensions.
- + Caddie base and hotel tips including Valet, Housekeeping and Bellman are covered by Audi of America. Additional tipping to the caddie(s) are at the guest's discretion.
- + Dealer representatives and golfers will be allowed to bring one guest each to the United States Final at a charge of \$650 plus airfare. The guest fee includes airport ground transportation to/from the hotel, all scheduled meals, participation in the non-golfer program, and an invitation to the Awards Dinner and Ceremony. Any guest who does not wish to share a room with the dealer representative or golfer will be responsible for their own hotel room.
- + All United States Final attendees must be 21 years of age on or before February 1, 2016.
- + Audi Tournament Headquarters will determine the United States Final foursomes based on team handicaps.
- + Caddies will only be permitted if provided by Audi of America.

Rule to Determine Team Handicaps for the United States Final

Team handicaps from members of all qualifying local tournaments will be determined by evening out the scores of the respective local qualifying tournament. The team handicaps will be reduced by the amount of Stableford points scored above 36 during the qualifying tournaments.

- + Example:
 - ▶ Winning team's handicap at local tournament: 18
 - ▶ Winning team's Stableford result at local tournament: 40
 - ▶ Winning team's revised handicap for Audi quattro Cup United States Final: 14
 - ▶ $18 - (40 - 36) = 14$

In the case that one or both handicap indexes go down between the time period of the local tournament and the national final, the reduction of the amount of Stableford points will be adjusted to new handicap index.

- + Example:
 - ▶ Winning team's handicap at qualifying local tournament: 18
 - ▶ Winning team's Stableford points achieved during qualifying tournament: 40
 - ▶ Winning team's new handicap if indexes of both are lowered by a total of 2 (combined), between time of qualifying tournament and national final: 16

Handicap at qualifying tournament minus Stableford reduction minus handicap difference between handicap at qualifying tournament (if lower) equals Team handicap for U.S. Final.

- ▶ $18 - (40 - 36) - 2 = 12$

Eligibility for the World Final

The winning team(s) from the United States Final will have the opportunity to compete in the World Final. The number of teams depends on the number of local tournaments completed based on this allocation:

Tournaments	Teams
1- 59	1
≥ 60	2

- + The winners of an Audi quattro Cup that was not carried out under the previously mentioned rules cannot qualify for the World Final.
- + If a team cannot participate in the World Final due to serious reasons (e.g., illness), the next placed team could fill the spot. The final decision is subject to approval by Audi of America and AUDI AG Sports Marketing.
- + Participation in the World Final is only possible if both players of the winning team will participate. No substitutes.
- + All players who participated at a World Final cannot qualify again for three years. (E.g., participants at the World Final 2015 are not eligible to qualify for a World Final again before 2018---even with a different partner.)
- + Each United States Final winner will be allowed to bring one guest to the World Final in Barcelona, Spain.
- + Winners and guests will be flown in coach class, but are welcome to upgrade at their own expense.
- + All registration information must be submitted by September 5, 2016.
- + Golfers and guests must be 21 years of age on or before February 1, 2016.
- + The quattro Cup Tournament is an amateurs-only event. Professional golfers may not compete. Additionally, employees and contractors of Audi of America, Volkswagen Group of America and authorized Audi dealerships, as well as their immediate family members, are also not eligible to participate. ("Immediate family" includes the employee's or contractor's spouse, parents, children, siblings and in-laws.)

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- + Example:
 - ▶ Winning team's handicap at Country Final: 18
 - ▶ Winning team's Stableford result at Country Final: 40
 - ▶ Winning team's revised handicap for Audi quattro Cup World Final: 14

Questions

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