



Audi quattro Cup

Official Player Requirements for 2018 Local Tournaments

Eligibility

- ▶ All golfers must have an active and established United States Golf Association (“USGA”) Handicap Index to compete in a local tournament and to advance to the Audi quattro® Cup 2018 United States Final (also referred to herein as the “United States Final”). Any player who wishes to compete must submit a handicap index when they register or prior to the tournament date, as required by the applicable local dealer. If there is a discrepancy as to whether a handicap is valid, Audi Tournament Headquarters will work with the Tournament Director to determine a final ruling.
- ▶ 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 Audi quattro Cup United States Final for the next two consecutive years. (e.g. participants at the 2017 United States Final are not eligible to qualify for a United States Final again before 2020 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 the start of their local tournaments at www.audiquattrocup.us.
- ▶ All golfers must be 21 years of age on or before February 1, 2018.
- ▶ The quattro Cup Tournament is an amateurs-only event. Professional golfers may not compete.
- ▶ Additionally, employees and contractors and others with a business relationship to Audi of America, Volkswagen Group of America and authorized Audi dealerships, as well as their immediate family members, are not eligible to participate. (“Immediate family” includes the individual’s spouse, parents, children, siblings and in-laws.)
- ▶ Golfers may only play in one local tournament per year.

Player and Partner Guidelines

- ▶ Teams are made up of two people. Players who do not sign up with a partner will be assigned a partner by the local dealer organizing the local tournament.
- ▶ Men and women are not segregated – teams can be men, women or co-ed.
- ▶ Distance measuring devices are permitted as long as their only function is measuring distance. Devices that provide extra information (e.g. club selection, shot type, wind, etc.) are not permitted.

The Tournament

To be eligible to play in the Audi quattro Cup 2018 United States Final, players must participate in a local tournament that is in compliance with all rules as stated in this document and in accordance with applicable USGA regulations, available at www.USGA.org. If any of the rules stated in this document, governing game mode or the determination or application of a handicap conflict with the USGA Handicap Manual, the USGA Handicap Manual shall take precedence to the extent necessary to avoid such conflict.

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 August 6, 2018.
- ▶ All local tournaments must have at least 48 golfers and cannot exceed 120 golfers.



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Game Mode

The method of play for all 2018 Audi quattro Cup local 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.
- ▶ Players are requested to 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 must 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, third most difficult hole, etc. If there is a tie, the winner will be decided by a skill-based method to be determined by the local dealer but which may include a playoff on a single hole, or a chipping and putting contest.

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.



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Handicap

Eligibility

If a player's handicap index is listed as "NH" on the most recent revision date prior to the tournament, this handicap is considered invalid and the player will not be eligible to officially compete in the local tournament and subsequently advance to the United States Final.

- ▶ Single handicap index limit: 36.0
- ▶ Team handicap index limit: 56.0

Maximum handicap index difference between both players: 20.0 points

Allowance

- ▶ The player with the lower course handicap is allowed 60% of his/her course handicap.
- ▶ The player with the higher course handicap is allowed 40% of his/her course handicap.

Example:

- ▶ Player A has a course handicap of 18
- ▶ Player B has a course 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

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.

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.

Handicap Calculation Example

| Player | Course Handicap* | % | Adjusted HDCP | Team HDCP** |
|-------------|------------------|-----|---------------|-------------|
| Player A | 18 | 40% | 7.2 | 13 |
| Player B | 10 | 60% | 6 | |
| 13.2 | | | | |

*The calculation to obtain course handicap is as follows: (Handicap Index) x (Slope Rating) / 113. This calculation can be done automatically by using the USGA's Course Handicap™ Calculator at <http://www.usga.org/course-handicap-calculator.html>.

**Rounded down from 13.2 using the proper rounding procedure (0-4 round down, 5-9 round up)



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Handicap Allowance Example

| Hole | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | Out | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | In | Tot | HCP | NET | |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|--|
| Black 72.0/131 ● | 387 | 416 | 396 | 132 | 547 | 381 | 522 | 194 | 370 | 3345 | 312 | 430 | 168 | 538 | 196 | 490 | 453 | 398 | 280 | 3265 | 6610 | | | |
| Blue 70.9/128 ● | 387 | 409 | 389 | 121 | 538 | 372 | 506 | 177 | 362 | 3261 | 290 | 422 | 168 | 526 | 191 | 484 | 416 | 394 | 272 | 3163 | 6424 | | | |
| Handicap | 3 | 1 | 7 | 17 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 15 | 11 | | 14 | 2 | 12 | 8 | 10 | 16 | 4 | 6 | 18 | | | | | |
| TEAM A | • | • | • | | • | • | • | | • | | | • | • | • | | | • | • | | | | | 13 | |
| TEAM B | •• | •• | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | | • | •• | • | • | • | • | •• | • | • | | | | 22 | |
| TEAM C | | • | | | | | | | | | | • | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| Par | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 36 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 36 | 72 | | | |

*A dot indicates that a stroke will be removed from a team's score on that particular hole (e.g. If a team makes a bogey on a hole where they have a dot, their score would be reduced by one and the team would be awarded the corresponding number of Stableford points for a par).

**Example: If Team C made a 5 on Hole 2, they would have one stroke removed from their score which would result in a net 4. They would then score 2 points on that hole, which is the number of points awarded for a par.

Shortened Tournaments Due To Weather

Shortened Tournament Policy

- ▶ In order for a tournament to be deemed official, all competing teams must complete at least 9 holes of play. If teams complete more than 9 holes but less than 18 holes, the dealership tournament committee will determine whether the event will be shortened to a 9-hole tournament or to the number of holes that all teams completed. If all teams fail to complete at least 9 holes, the tournament must be rescheduled to be considered official.

Shortened Tournament Tiebreaker

- ▶ In the event of a tie, the better net score of the final 6 holes completed will decide the winner. If there is still a tie, the better net score of the final 4 holes will decide the winner. If there is still a tie, the number of holes considered should decrease by one hole until a winner is determined. If there is still a tie, the winner will be decided by a skill-based method to be determined by the local dealer but which may include a playoff on a single hole, or a chipping and putting contest.

Team Handicaps for the United States Final

- ▶ If a tournament is shortened, the winning team will receive Stableford points equivalent to net-par on the incomplete holes. The total points will then be used to calculate the team's handicap for the United States Final.



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2018 Audi quattro Cup United States Final

- ▶ Audi quattro Cup United States Final golfers will receive round-trip coach airline ticket for one, deluxe hotel accommodations, single occupancy, for three nights (September 13-16, 2018) at Pebble Beach Resorts, round-trip ground transportation to/from the hotel (available on September 13, 2018 and September 16, 2018, only), one round of golf on each tournament day (September 14, 2018 and September 15, 2018), caddie fees during tournament play, all scheduled meals, and an invitation to the Awards Dinner and Ceremony compliments of Audi of America on September 15, 2018. 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 Audi quattro Cup United States Final, the team will forfeit their prize, the trip is not transferable to the following year. If winner's residence is within 150 miles of Pebble Beach Resorts, as determined by Administrator in its sole discretion, air transportation will not be provided and golfer will be responsible for own form of ground transportation. No substitute prize or compensation will be awarded.
- ▶ One dealer representative from each local tournament will receive round-trip coach airline ticket for one, hotel accommodations, single occupancy, for three nights (September 13-16, 2018) at Pebble Beach Resorts, round-trip ground transportation to/from the hotel (available on September 13, 2018 and September 16, 2018, 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 September 15, 2018. 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.
- ▶ Golfers & dealer representatives will be allowed to bring one guest each to the Audi quattro Cup 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, and is based on space availability at hotel.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ If space is available, Audi corporate personnel, Audi dealership personnel, and any other Audi guest may play a round of golf during the United States Final, but may not play against or with the tournament golfers.

Eligibility for the 2018 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 Resorts from September 13-16, 2018. This prize is non-transferable. If a tournament is comprised of four or more host dealers, two winning teams are able to advance to the United States Final.
- ▶ If a winning team or team member is unable to attend the Audi quattro Cup United States Final, a substitute cannot be sent.



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- ▶ 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 21, 2018. 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.

In the event of a tie at the United States Final, the better net score of handicap holes 1-18 in that order will decide the winner. If the event is played on two different courses, the Rules Committee will determine the course the tiebreaker takes place on. 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, third most difficult hole etc. If there is a tie, the winner will be decided by a playoff on one (1) hole to be determined by the Tournament Committee.

Team Handicap Rules for the 2018 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 Audi quattro Cup United States Final.

$$18 - (40-36) - 2 = 12$$



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2018 Audi quattro Cup World Final

Eligibility for the 2018 World Final

The winning team(s) from the Audi quattro Cup 2018 United States Final will have the opportunity to compete in the Audi quattro Cup World Final in Kitzbühel, Austria from September 23 - 27, 2018. 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 Audi quattro Cup World Final. If a team cannot participate in the Audi quattro Cup 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 Audi quattro Cup World Final is only possible if both players of the winning team will participate. No substitutes.
- ▶ All players who participated at an Audi quattro Cup World Final cannot qualify again for three years. (E.g., participants at the Audi quattro Cup World Final 2017 are not eligible to qualify for a World Final again before 2021 ---- even with a different partner.)
- ▶ Each United States Final winner will be allowed to bring one guest to the Audi quattro Cup World Final in Kitzbühel, Austria.
- ▶ Winners and guests will receive a round-trip coach airline ticket, but are welcome to upgrade at their own expense. Additional details regarding travel and accommodations will be shared in the United States Final winner booklet.
- ▶ All registration information must be submitted by September 17, 2018.

Team Handicap Rules for the 2018 World 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.

The higher of the two Stableford scores at the United States Final will be used as the basis for the handicap adjustment for the World Final.

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

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