



## Rules of Play

The Valor Cup is the flagship fundraising event for Leashes of Valor and Valor Outdoors. These organizations provide service dogs at no cost to wounded and disabled post-9/11 veterans as well as outdoor, nature-based recreation for veterans, service members, first responders and their families. The Valor Cup will abide by the following rules of play:

### Matches

The Valor Cup is a Ryder Cup-style event consists of the following two days of matches:

#### Day 1

FourBall or foursomes in the morning (6 matches)  
Singles in the afternoon (12 matches)

#### Day 2

FourBall or Foursomes in the morning (6 Matches)  
Singles in the afternoon (12 Matches)

### Scoring

1. Each match is worth one point, with matches ending in a draw worth ½ point to each side.
2. The first team to reach 18 ½ points wins the Valor Cup.
3. If the matches end in a 18-18 draw, the team holding the Valor Cup retains it.

4. If the first year ends in a draw, each team will select 1 team member for a (1) hole sudden death playoff (handicaps included) on the hole with the green closest to the club house. (Example, number 9 at The Federal Club).

## **Player Selection**

The inaugural Valor Cup will consist of two teams: Team Courage (made up of 12 veterans) and Team Honor (made up of a total of 24 sponsors and members of The Federal Club).

### **Team Courage**

Team Courage will be made up of:

- 10 veterans selected through two qualifying tournaments (5 from each qualifier)
- 1 “Founders” pick
- 2 alternate players selected at each qualifier

### **Team Courage qualifying tournaments**

1. All rounds will utilize the USGA GHIN handicap system.
2. Handicap must be current and up to date with at least three verifiable scores within 60 days.
3. Stableford scoring system will be in place for qualifiers.
4. If a qualified team member drops out, the first alternate from the tournament the team member qualified from will be called first. They have 24 hours from notification to respond with a decision.
5. If the first alternate (1A) does not make contact within 12 hours, the notification for the second alternate (2A) may begin for logistical necessity. (The first alternate still has the required allotted time to respond to a decision.)
6. No one will be selected to play who did not attempt to qualify, no exceptions.

### **Team Honor**

Team Honor will be made up of:

- 9 members from The Federal Club selected from the leaderboard of the club’s tournaments
- A captain’s pick, vice pick, and one pick selected via NOT normal golf circumstances
- 12 additional players selected through sponsorship, other partnering club qualifiers, and/or founder’s picks.