



Texas Cup

Three days, two teams, Ryder Cup rules — STROH's vs. Big Plex for Texas supremacy.



FORMAT

3-round Ryder Cup — Best Ball, Scotch Foursomes & Singles

WHEN

Late March 2027 (dates TBD)

WHERE

The Hideout — Brownwood, TX (year two)

TEAMS

Two 18-player teams — STROH's vs. Big Plex

HANDICAPS

Best Ball 90% · Foursomes 60/40 of the pair ·
Singles 100%

COST

TBD

Our marquee team event: a three-round, Ryder Cup–style battle between an 18-player STROH's squad and an 18-player Big Plex (DFW) squad — Best Ball, Scotch Foursomes, and Singles across a full weekend. Now in its sixth year, heading to The Hideout in Brownwood, TX in late March 2027.

Overview

The Texas Cup is our marquee team event — a three-round, Ryder Cup–style throwdown for Texas bragging rights, and a **new format this year**: an **18-player STROH's team against an 18-player Big Plex (DFW) team** across a full weekend of match play.

For its first six years the Cup was a **three-team** affair — Austin/San Antonio, Houston and Dallas. After the 2026 event we moved to two teams, with the Dallas contingent now playing as Big Plex. Past winners are on the [Roll of Honour](#).

The event enters its **second year at [The Hideout in Brownwood, TX](#)**, after four years at Pine Dunes.

Format

Three days, Ryder Cup style — every match is worth points, and the team with the most points lifts the Cup. Across the weekend we play all three classic team formats:

- **Best Ball** — two-player teams, each plays their own ball, and the better score counts.
- **Scotch Foursomes** — alternate shot, with a twist: partners must each hit **a minimum of 3 drives per nine**.
- **Singles** — head-to-head match play.

(Exact session lineup and points are finalized closer to the event.)

Handicap Allowances

Each format plays off a different allowance. **Know your number before you tee off** — these decide who gets shots and where.

Format	Allowance	How the shots fall
Best Ball	90% of course handicap	Shots come off the lowest handicap player in the group . The low player gets 0 shots ; everyone else gets the difference between their handicap and his.
Scotch Foursomes	40% of the higher partner's handicap plus 60% of the lower , added together	That single number is the pair's handicap, per USGA guidelines . Shots then come off the lower pair.
Singles	100% — full handicaps	Standard 1:1 match play: the difference between the two players.

Worked examples.

- **Best Ball** — a group of 10, 20, 14 and scratch play off 9, 18, 13 and 0. The scratch player gives nothing away and receives nothing; the 20 receives **18** shots.
- **Scotch Foursomes** — a 10 and a 20 play off **14** (60% of 10 is 6, plus 40% of 20 is 8). A 3 and an 11 play off **6**.
- **Singles** — an 18 against a 4 receives **14** shots.

Shots fall on the stroke index of the tees each player is on, so **split tees are fine** — the count is still the plain difference in course handicaps.

The Teams

Two **18-player** squads go to war: **STROH's vs. Big Plex**. Rosters and captains come together in the run-up to the weekend.

When & Where

- **Dates:** Late March 2027 — a Friday-through-Sunday weekend (exact dates TBD).
- **Venue:** [The Hideout](#), Brownwood, TX.

Cost

TBD. Cabin-style pricing (lodging plus green fees with carts and unlimited golf) will be announced as the event approaches — along with food and side games.

Who Can Play & Sign-Ups

You just need a **tie to one of the three Texas metros** — Austin/San Antonio, Houston, or Dallas. You do **not** have to be a STROH's or Big Plex member to play.

Sign-ups run through the **STROH's / Big Plex Discord** — DM **@jdonelson** (STROH's) or **@Insulin_And_Bogeys** (Big Plex) for an invite and registration details.