

Rules for Senior Match Play

I have attached some documents for Golf Canada in regards to match play handicap allowances, most likely score and difference in rules between stroke play and match play.

Match Play Golf Rules

A round in match play golf will see two golfers competing head to head against each other and not against the rest of the field. Rather than trying to post the lowest score for the round golfers are here trying to win (or not lose) more holes than their opponent.

How to Play Match Play

Each golfer hits his own ball throughout the round and after each hole, scores of both golfers for the hole are compared. The golfer with the lowest score is said to have won that hole. If both scores are identical then no points (or holes won) are awarded for that hole.

How to Win in Match Play

A winner is declared during the round when his lead is such that his opponent can no longer close the gap mathematically. Or in other words, a winner is declared when his opponent can no longer tie or win the match even if he were to win all of the remaining holes.

Net Format

When match play matches are played in the NET format, each golfer's score is adjusted after each hole according to handicap and the net scores are compared to determine a winner for a hole.

We will play handicaps of 100% off the low handicapper. In the qualifying rounds there is no tie breaker (a tie is one point). For the 8 player finals, tie breakers will be by extra holes and handicap allowances will apply. In agreement between the two players they may decide which extra holes to play.

Remember the player farthest from the hole must play next. If you miss a putt, you must mark and wait for your opponent (who is farther) to putt. If you play out of turn, your opponent may choose to ask you to replay your shot (no penalty).

The first tie breaker for final eight is aggregate hole differential. If you win 6 and 5 then you would get a hole differential of 6 and your opponent 0. If you win 1 up then you would get 1 and your opponent 0.

The second tie breaker for final eight will be net aggregate score. It is important for each player to record their most likely score when there is a concession. It is only one stroke if you are closer than 5 feet. For over 5 feet you must record at least two strokes. The attached document explains in more detail.

We will also have a local rule exception for deuce put. A putt from less than 5 feet for deuce can not be conceded on hole #4 and hole #13. You can concede a putt over 5 feet but must add two strokes to score or your opponent has the option to attempt the putt for deuce.

Please make yourself familiar with the rule differences.