

Richter Park Men's Club 2023 Team Match Play

Event Coordinators: Paul Dinardo & Don Carter

Field Size: 32 Teams

Eligibility: Full and Associate members with membership longer than 1 year (sorry no new members) and must have an established handicap

Entry Fee: \$40/team

Format: 18 Holes Match Play Better Ball with 90% of Handicap

Tees: White

Conditions: Lift, clean and place in own fairway and closely mown areas around the green. If uncertain how to proceed for a given situation, play two balls and consult the pro.

Tournament Style: Single Elimination Bracket

Schedule:

- Round of 32 (May 1 – July 1)
- Round of 16 (July 1 – July 31)
- Round of 8 (August 1 – August 31)
- Round of 4 (September 1 – September 30)
- Finals (October 1 – October 15)

Seeding of Tournament: Teams will be randomly drawn into a seed on the bracket.

Arrangement of Matches: Players shall proactively schedule their matches with their opponents to ensure the round can be completed per the schedule. There will be limited tee times reserved by the Course for the Match Play Event each weekend during the Round of 32 to help facilitate easier coordination of matches between participants.

Sudden Death: All matches begin sudden death on the 1st hole, or 10th hole per starter instructions. Continue with same format.

Use of Handicaps:

- 90% of course handicap from the latest revision (suggest using GHIN app on mobile)
- Team max differential is 20 strokes (if A is 2 and B is 24 and same team, B is reduced to 22)
- Use the lookup feature at <http://ghin.com/lookup.aspx> or through same mobile app
- The Course Handicap of all four players is reduced by the Course Handicap of the player with the lowest handicap, who then plays from scratch.

Weather Contingency: Should weather interrupt a match in progress, the teams should wait a minimum of 1 hour for the opportunity to conclude their match. If the course closes due to weather conditions the following shall apply:

- Matches played through 13 holes will be official.
- Matches played less than 13 holes may be rescheduled for resumption at a mutually agreeable time, provided the match completion date permits this.

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- Not completed by the round schedule will be decided upon a coin flip.

2 vs 1: In the event that a match is scheduled and one player fails to show up, or if one team cannot coordinate a day that works for both players of their team... the team with 2 players has the options of:

- Playing the match 2 vs 1 (Team with 2 players plays at 75% of handicap, Team with 1 player plays at 90% of handicap).
- Playing the match 1 vs 1 (Both players at typical 90% of course handicap)

Forfeited Matches:

- If a match cannot be completed through 13 holes or completed later, then the winner will be decided by a coin flip.
- If a match cannot be scheduled within the scheduling timeframe, and both teams have made effort to schedule the match, than the winner will be decided by a coin flip.
- **Teams who do not complete their match will be under consideration for 1-Year Suspension from the event. The Event Chairman will decide if the teams who failed to complete their match will receive a 1-Year penalty from re-entering the event. In most cases the suspension WILL take effect. It is the responsibility of all participants to exhaust all efforts in making their match happen within the scheduled event window.**

Results: Take a picture of the completed card and send to Paul Dinardo (203-948-1134) or Don Carter (813-598-3789)

Rules:

1. Strict adherence to established deadlines is a must. The match should be played and reported to the Event Coordinator no later than the evening deadline for the respective round.
2. All participants are responsible for proactively scheduling the match. As a courtesy, the higher seeded (lower number) team should take ownership to ensure match is decided on the golf course.
3. If a match is unable to be played by the deadline, the team which feels more at fault should retire to protect the timeliness of the event.
4. Substitution of players is not permitted. If one team member is unable to play due to injury or other circumstances, the match may be contended with the available player against the other team.
 - a. As stated above, the team with 2 Players may play 2 vs 1. If they choose to do so than the team of 2 players will play at 75% of course handicap. The team of 1 player will play at 90% of course handicap.
 - b. The match may also be played as a 1 vs 1.
5. If no volunteer steps forward to retire, the Event Chairman on the Monday following the deadline will decide the team to advance through on a single coin flip.
6. Under extremely rare circumstances, if the participants would like an exception to the deadline to be considered, they must notify the Event Chairman prior to the deadline with a valid reason why there was not enough time to complete the match. In addition, the match

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must be scheduled within an immediate time frame. For example, "we are playing on Tuesday morning at 8:12. "The Event Chairman will not consider the following weekend as reasonable or timely and will default to a coin flip to protect the event.

7. The Event Chairman shall have final say on both the decision to grant (or not) the extension and to determine the outcome of the Single coin flip.

Discussion

The Discussion is intended to provide further information as to the application and operation of the Rules. In reviewing this information, it should be remembered that the Rules were adopted because a previously consistent members' complaint had been difficulty in scheduling and completing matches in a timely manner.

1. We can all agree that difficult weather can impact the playing of matches. However, weather, by itself, is not justification for an extension of the applicable deadline, even though the match could not be conveniently scheduled until the end of the allowable time. If competitors schedule a match to be played near the end of the deadline, they assume the risk of bad weather, unless the Club determines that all match deadlines should be extended.
2. A competitor only being available to play on the weekends or being out of town do not, by themselves, justify an extension.
3. The amount of time requested for the extension, by itself, is not a relevant consideration under the Rules. If it were, short extensions would be automatic and the purposes of the Rules, negated.
4. A request for an extension should address all elements of the Rules, including Rule 3's admonition that "the Team who feels more at fault" should retire. While no one should be forced to retire, the competitors need to recognize this fundamental obligation of their participation.
5. Rule 6 states that extensions are permitted "under extremely rare circumstances." We can all agree that the Rules require members to proactively and diligently schedule and complete their matches; extensions should not be expected or assumed.
6. Having extensions granted by subsequent potential opponents is not a process contemplated by the Match Play Rules. Such a process is not desirable as it will create situations in which matches seeking extensions will cajole or pressure subsequent potential opponents to accede to an extension. Those situations will be unfair to the subsequent competitors and will yield inconsistent results in affording extensions, depending upon the identities of the subsequent opponents.