

Rules Match Play Championship

The tournament is a match competition where each match is played between two players.

Match play scoring consists of individual holes won, halved or lost. On each hole, the most that can be gained is one point. Golfers play as normal, counting the strokes taken on a given hole (with handicap, see below). The golfer with the lowest score on a given hole receives one point. If the golfers tie, then the hole is halved.

Example : Let's say you've won 5 holes and your opponent has won 4. The score is not shown as 5 to 4; rather, it's rendered as 1-up for you, or 1-down for your opponent. If you have won 6 holes and your opponent 3, then you are leading 3-up, and your opponent is trailing 3-down.

When one player is leading the match with more holes than there are holes left to play, that player has won the match.

Example: Say you reach a score of 3-up with 2 holes to play - you've clinched the victory, and the match is over.

For determining the handicaps for each match, the "Spielvorgabe" for the players are noted. Then the player with the lowest "Spielvorgabe" is set at scratch and the other player will receive $\frac{3}{4}$ of the difference to her/his "Spielvorgabe" as her/his handicap for the match.

Example, player A has a "Spielvorgabe" of 10 and player B has a "Spielvorgabe" of 22. Player A is set at scratch and player B having the difference 12 receives $\frac{3}{4}$ of this which is 8 strokes, one extra stroke on the 8 most difficult holes according to the handicap index on the scorecard. The number of given strokes is limited to a maximum of 18.

If the score is all square after the last hole the players will play on, starting from the first or ninth hole, until a player wins a hole (sudden death). Should the match have to be decided through sudden death, handicap shots are given on the same holes as in the original round.

The contenders will have to agree amongst themselves when and where the match will be played. If no agreement can be reached, the Match Secretary should be consulted.

The competition Committee reserve the right to decide a match by closed lot in the case where a match is not played within the given timeframe and an agreement could not be found.

It is of the greatest importance that the matches are played on time!

A tip is to schedule the matches early in the given timeframe.

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