



# Saturday Golf League - Match Play 2021

## Rules Format

1. The 2021 SGL Match Play Tournament is open to any current member with an established World Handicap System Index (GHIN).
2. This will be a Single Elimination Match Play Event with a group stage in the first 3 rounds.
  - a. The 1<sup>st</sup> 3 rounds will have the 4 players in each group competing against each other in a 3 week span.
  - b. The player within the group having the best record advances to the next round in the bracket.
  - c. If there is a tie in the group at the end of the 3 weeks, there will be a putt-off to determine the player to advance to the semi-final round in the bracket. There will be no putt-off to determine a winner of a match during the group play. If a match ends in a tie, it will be recorded as part of your group record. A putt-off will only occur if there is a tie record between players at the end of the group play matches.
  - d. All match ties that occur in the semi-final and final matches will have a putt-off at the end of the round to determine the winner.
3. Entry fee of \$20. (Entry deadline 1/16/2021 before blind draw of matches)
4. Group matches will be determined by blind draw on 1/16/2021 date.
5. First week of match play will be at the Aguila Golf Course (1/23/2021).
6. USGA match play rules apply. In addition, the SGL “desert rule” will be in effect. Refer to SGL Desert Rule which will be provided to all match players via email. If anyone has any questions please be sure to ask ahead of time to insure consistent and fair play.
7. SGL tee box rules shall be applied to determine tee box to be played and handicap. Player’s match play handicaps will be determined accordingly by course and tees picked by each of the players. The handicap difference between match players shall provide a stroke or strokes to the player with the higher handicap starting on the hole with lowest handicap.

**Exception:** A player picking up their ball when reaching max score for the hole, the player will not be given any strokes for the hole. This is to prevent a player from winning a hole by picking up their ball. Please X out the strokes given for the hole on the scorecard for the player picking up the ball.

Determining course HDCP for a player:

Use the “Golf Genius Portal” to find a player’s course HDCP based on the tee box. The URL is <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/6774994634557919976>. On the website is a drop down to select the course that is to be played (the course may already be selected).

Determining strokes given to a player:

After player’s have selected their tee box and determined their HDCP, the player with the higher HDCP will receive strokes. The number of strokes given is based on the difference between the players HDCPs. Example: Player A has HDCP 7, Player B has HDCP 9. Player B gets 2 strokes.

Determining holes that a player will be given strokes on the scorecard:

Once a player has determined the number of strokes received (if any), the strokes indicate the number of holes a player will receive a stroke. The hole the player will get a stroke is based on the course HDCP for each hole starting from the hardest hole (1 HDCP hole) to the easiest hole (18 HDCP hole). **Example:** A player that gets 2 strokes will get 1 stroke on HDCP hole 1 and 1 stroke on HDCP hole 2. If a player gets more than 18 strokes, then 2 strokes will be given to holes starting from hardest hole (1 HDCP hole) to the easiest hole (18 HDCP hole). **Example:** A player that gets 20 strokes will get 2 strokes on the #1 and #2 HDCP hole and 1 stroke on all remaining holes.

Determining HDCP holes to use based on gender:

Courses usually have to different ratings on hole HDCP based on gender which will be list on the scorecard as Men's HDCP and Ladies HDCP. In a match between a male and female, the HDCP holes to use on the scorecard will be based on the player with the highest HDCP between the players.

**Example 1:** Player A (female) has a course HDCP 8 and Player B (male) has a course HDCP 10. Player B will use Men's HDCP holes on the scorecard to determine strokes per hole. **Example 2:** Player A (female) has a course HDCP 8 and Player B (male) has a course HDCP 7. Player A will use the Ladies HDCP holes on the scorecard to determine strokes per hole.

8. The match event will be contested over a 5-week span; The Match Play Tournament will be played in conjunction with the regular SGL Tournaments. The rules for match play will NOT be used in this tournament. You will be paired up with your opponent for your match play event and you will play both events simultaneously (the regular SGL event and Match Play). Normal stroke play rules will be in effect, keeping in mind that you are playing in two events at the same time. You must hole out on each hole; no holes or putts will be conceded. This is a departure from Match Play rules, to allow play of both events at the same time. This approach was taken to get more participation into the event.
9. You will not have to coordinate a tee time with your opponent, just sign up and play. You will have to keep an eye on the tournament brackets to find out exactly when you are scheduled to play. If you do not play when you are scheduled, you will forfeit that round to your opponent.
10. An exception to rule 9 can be made if both players agree to play outside of the league. The players must play the match at a course both players agree upon. The scorecard must be submitted to Dan Gallegos to confirm the winner. If players do not play prior to Saturday, then rule 11 is in effect. Also, please coordinate with Dave Dean and Dan Gallegos to get established course handicaps for the golf course to be played. To keep consistency, SGL rules will be in effect as if playing on Saturday in the league. Exceptions:
  - a. A hole can be conceded.
  - b. Practice putts can be done as outlined in USGA rules for match play after playing a hole. Note: practice shots while playing in the **SGL tournament** league is a 2 stroke penalty. Do it twice and you are disqualified from the tournament round. That is applied when playing in the SGL tournament league. Outside of the league, practice shots are allowed on the green that just completed playing or on the next tee box area.
11. The following will apply when a putt-off is required to determine a winner for a match. Players will putt their balls into the hole to provide a total score for each putt-off match. The player with the lowest score for the putt-off match wins the match. The first putt-off match will start 5 feet from the hole. The distance will keep incrementing by 3 feet until a winner is determined.
12. Matches should be played with fair play and good faith in mind, following USGA/AGA/SGL Rules at all times. (If a player not in the competition is to play along, they must be told about the match so they do not influence any play, stroke or outcome of the match!)

Good luck to all match players in the event. May the golf gods be with you.

Dan Gallegos  
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