



# Saturday Golf League - Match Play 2020

## Rules Format

1. The 2020 SGL Match Play Tournament is open to any current member with an established World Handicap Index.
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 next round in the bracket.
  - d. All match ties that occur outside of the group stage match will have a putt-off at the end of the round.
3. Entry fee of \$20. (Entry deadline 2/1/2020 before blind draw of matches)
4. Group matches will be determined by blind draw prior to the 2/1/2020 date.
5. First week of match play will be at the Wigwam Golf Club.
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 adjusted accordingly by course and tees designated to each of the players. The tournament 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.
8. Players will be given a scorecard prior to each round with each player’s course handicap and the stroke(s) for each of the holes. The scorecard that you will receive will be the official source for determining amount of strokes for each hole.
9. 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.
10. 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.

11. An exception to rule 10 can be made if both players agree to play prior to their Saturday scheduled play. The players must play the match at a course both players agree upon. To keep consistency, normal stroke play rules will be in effect as if playing on Saturday in the league. One exception is a hole can be conceded. 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.
12. All tie breaks at the end of a match will require a putt-off match on the 19th hole. 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.
13. 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  
Special Events Coordinator