

# Match-Play Competition Rules / Format

- 1) Each match **MUST** be completed within the time-frame specified. Opponents must coordinate their own match and any match not played within the time-frame may result in a forfeit by both players.
- 2) Competition format will be "Winter Rules" and played from the "White Tees". Preferred lies may be implemented based on course conditions, however must be agreed upon by both opponents prior to the start of the match.
- 3) USGA match-play rules will be in effect. Players may give putts and/or surrender a hole at any time.
- 4) In the event that a match is all square upon completion of 18 holes of play, players must continue playing until there is an outright winner.

## According to USGA Recommendations:

*"A match that ends all square should be played off hole-by-hole until one side wins a hole. The playoff should start on the hole where the match began. **In a handicap match, handicap strokes should be allowed as in the stipulated round.**"*

- 5) In a case where there is a "rules" dispute over a hazard, unplayable lie, or any other issue, the two players competing must reach a consensus before the next shot is played. If the players cannot reach a consensus, they should consult the pro shop and seek assistance. These are unsupervised matches and the burden is on the players to arrive at a decision.
- 6) Player course handicaps (using WHS) will change at the beginning of each round of play. For the purposes of this competition, the course handicap in effect on the first day of each round will be used by all players for that entire round of play. Strokes are allotted on each hole based on the handicap rating.

**Match-Play Handicap Allowance:** The higher-handicapped player in each match-up receives the full difference in Course Handicap between the two players competing; the lower-handicapped player plays from scratch (0). Example: Player (A) with a Course Handicap of 17 would play to a 4 handicap against Player (B) with a Course Handicap of 13, who would play to a Zero.

## **SPECIAL NOTATIONS (Please Read):**

- 1) Every player competing in this tournament **MUST** pay their \$30 entry fee at the time of registration and prior to playing their first match. Additionally, every player **MUST** be an active/paid Men's Club member for the calendar year 2020. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification.
- 2) Players **MUST** turn in a **SIGNED** and **ATTESTED** scorecard to the pro shop upon completion of their match with the correct result, and winner, indicated (3 & 2, 1 Up, W-19, etc...)
- 3) Match-play brackets will be posted in the pro shop by Thursday, March 12, 2020.
- 4) Each player must post each of their matches as "Regular" Home scores with the exception of the finals. Final matches in Match-Play competition should be posted as a "Tournament" score.
- 5) The divisions are completely based upon the number of entries. Each division will be comprised of a maximum of 16 players, but not less than 14 players. In matches with less than 16 players, the top #1 or #1 & #2 seed will receive a first round bye. Divisional seeding is based upon a random draw.