



MATCH PLAY

To assist those players making the transition from stroke play qualifying to match play we've compiled some differences between the two forms of play.

Referees

In the early stages of the match play portion of this competition our referees will work in zones on the golf course to monitor play and assist with any rules questions players may have. Since these referees do not accompany a match from start to finish they are not permitted to call penalties except for breaches of Rules 1-3 (Agreement to Waive Rules), 6-7 (Undue Delay; Slow Play) or 33-7 (Disqualification Penalty; Committee Discretion).

Beginning with the quarterfinals, referees will be assigned by the Committee to accompany each match to decide questions of fact and apply the Rules. Although they will be in a preventative mode to keep players from incurring penalties, they are instructed to act on any breach.

Concessions (Rule 2-4)

A stroke can be conceded at any time, provided the opponent's ball is at rest. A hole can be conceded at any time prior to the start or conclusion of that hole. A match can be conceded at any time prior to the start or conclusion of that match. Concessions must be loud and clear for the opponent and, if applicable, the Referee to understand. Concessions cannot be withdrawn or declined.

Claims (Rule 2-5)

If a doubt or dispute arises between the players, a player may make a claim. The Committee may consider a claim only if it has been made in a timely manner and if the player making the claim has notified his opponent at the time (i) that he is making a claim or wants a ruling and (ii) of the facts upon which the claim or ruling is to be based. Claims must be made before any player plays from the next teeing ground or, in the case of the last hole of the match, before all players leave the final putting green. The Committee will rule on the claim at its earliest opportunity.

Order of Play (Rule 10-1)

Teeing Ground - on the 1st teeing ground the order of play is determined by the draw; thereafter, the side with the lowest score on the previous hole has the honor. If a hole is halved, the side that had the honor at the previous teeing ground retains it.

Other than Teeing Ground – the ball farthest from the hole is played first. If the balls are equidistant from the hole or their positions relative to the hole are not determinable, the ball to be played first should be decided by lot.

Playing Out of Turn – If a player plays when his opponent should have played there is no penalty, but the opponent may immediately require the player to cancel the stroke made and play in the correct order.



Playing From Outside the Teeing Ground (Rule 11-4 a.)

If a player, when starting a hole, plays a ball from outside the teeing ground, there is no penalty, but the opponent may immediately require the player to cancel the stroke and play a ball from within the teeing ground.

Ball at Rest Moved by Opponent (Rule 18-3)

During Search – if an opponent, his caddie or his equipment moves a player's ball, touches it or causes a player's ball to move, there is no penalty. If the ball is moved it must be replaced.

Other Than During Search - if an opponent, his caddie or his equipment moves a player's ball, touches it or causes a player's ball to move, the opponent incurs a one stroke penalty. If the ball is moved it must be replaced.

Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped by Opponent (Rule 19-3)

If a player's ball is accidentally deflected or stopped by an opponent, his caddie or his equipment, there is no penalty. The player may, before another stroke is made by either side, cancel the stroke and replay or he may play the ball as it lies.

Status of Match

It's advisable to confirm the status of the match following play of each hole. Beginning with the Quarterfinals, the Referee assigned to accompany the match will announce the result of each hole and the status of the match greenside after the conclusion of each hole played.

Scorecards

Scorecards are not required in match play; however during the Round of 32 and Round of 16 the Committee will provide a scorecard to one of the players in each match to record individual hole scores for real-time scoring purposes. Even though a player may not complete a hole it is necessary to assign a numeric score to make the result understandable to those following on-line. The following guidelines are provided to record this information:

When a concession of a hole is made, all balls involved in the match are deemed to be holed on their next stroke.

If a player incurs a loss of hole penalty, his score for the hole should be "X". The opponent's score is the number of strokes already made plus 1 for the conceded stroke.

If a hole is conceded when the players have made the same number of strokes, the player who concedes gets an "X" for the hole and the score for the other player is the number of strokes taken plus one for the conceded stroke.