



Saturday Golf League - Match Play 2018 Rules Format

1. The 2018 SGL Match Play Tournament is open to any current member with an established SGL Handicap Index.
2. This will be a Double Elimination Match Play Event.
3. Entry fee of \$20. (Entry deadline 1/20/2018 before drawing of 1st round matches)
4. First round matches will be determined by blind draw on 1/20/2018 after league play.
5. Payouts will be determined depending on player turn out. (100% monies returned to players)
6. First week of match play will be at the Legend at Arrowhead Golf Club on January 27th.
7. 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.
8. 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 difference in the match play handicap between the players will be given on the hardest handicap holes on the card of the player with the lowest handicap index (both men and women).

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.

Players will be given a scorecard prior to each round with each player’s course handicap and the handicaps for each of the holes. The scorecard that you will receive will be the official source for determining individual handicaps for each hole.

9. We will be using the Tournament Handicap calculated by Dave Dean and the SGL handicap committee for each of our tournaments.
10. The match event will be contested over an 8 to 9-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.
11. 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. Remember, this is a double elimination tournament therefore you will not be scheduled to play each week. If you do not play when you are scheduled, you will forfeit that round to your opponent.

12. An exception to rule 12 can be made if both players agree to play prior to their Saturday scheduled play. The players must play the match play 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 12 is in effect. Also, please coordinate with Dave Dean and Dan Gallegos to get established handicaps for course to be played.
13. 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.
14. 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!)
15. The player that wins at Lookout Mountain to maintain their standing in the winner's bracket will have their handicap index capped after the round. This means the winning player's handicap will not be allowed to go higher during the weeks of play while waiting for the final championship round. However, the last remaining winning bracket player's handicap will be adjusted if their handicap index is lowered while waiting for the final championship round.

Schedule:

- Round 1 matches will start at Legend at Arrowhead on 1/27/2018. Refer to the match play bracket for the full schedule.
- The final round will be played at Ken McDonald GC on 3/17/2018. If the loser of round 8 is the player who has not lost a match, a rematch will be played the following week at Wigwam GC.

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

Dan Gallegos
Special Events Coordinator