

## MATCH PLAY FOUR BALL RULES-2020

### Start time

Your partner arrives only after any player on either side of match has started. Your partner sits out the 1<sup>st</sup> hole and joins you on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole. She may be with you and give advice, but not play. If she shows up in the middle of a hole being played, she can offer advice on the hole, but she cannot play it. She can begin playing on the next hole. 23.4

### Clubs

You and your partner can both have a maximum of 14 clubs each and NOT share the clubs-or you & your partner can have 14 clubs between the two of you. 4.1b, 22.5, 23.7

### Advice

You may give verbal advice to your partner at any time, even if you have been disqualified from the hole. A player disqualified from a Hole cannot continue to play the hole as her actions may assist her partner. Your opponent may ask for distance or location of bunkers or penalty areas and that is within the rules and information that can be shared. Def: Advice

### Partners

If your breach of a rule assists your partner's play, or adversely affects an opponent's play, your partner incurs the same penalty incurred by you. In all other cases, where you incur a penalty for a breach of a rule, the penalty does not apply to your partner. A partner may not stand behind when you begin to take your stance, anywhere on the course, including the putting green. 10.2b

### Practice

Practice on the competition course on any day of a match-play competition is OK. 5.2a

### Putting Green

If your ball lies on the green and your partner or opponent makes a stroke and hits your ball, there is no penalty in Match play. The ball that was hit is put back to its original or approximate location. The putted ball is played from where it lies after hitting the other ball.

Sand and loose soil are loose impediments on the putting green ONLY, and may be moved without penalty. 13.1c

You may indicate the line of putt for your partner and you MAY touch the green to indicate the line.

An opponent, at any time, can ask you to mark your ball if she feels your ball is offering assistance to your partner. If you fail to comply with the request, you and your Partner are disqualified from the hole. 15.3

#### Concessions

Once you concede a putt, hole or match, you can't take back the concession. 3.2

#### Teeing Area

One of your opponent's tees off in front of the tee markers or at the incorrect teeing area. In these cases, your options are: you can let her tee shot stand, and say nothing. Or, you can recall the shot and make her re-tee it. If you choose to recall the shot, you must recall the shot before anyone else tees off.

If all four of you tee off on the wrong hole, then all four of you can agree to halve the hole and go to the next tee. If you choose not to halve the hole, only the last person who hit can have their shot recalled. The balls of the remaining players are in play where they lie.

#### Order of Play

The team with the lowest team CH tees off in any order within the team on the 1<sup>st</sup> hole. After that, the team winning the most points on the previous hole tees off first on the next tee. 6.4a

#### Playing out of turn to save time

It is permissible to invite opponent(s) to play out of turn to save time.

#### Ball at Rest Moved

If your partner runs over your ball with a cart, you (not your partner) gets a one stroke penalty and has to replace the ball to its original position. There is no penalty for moving a ball while searching, whether it is your ball or the opponent's ball. 9.5

#### Wrong Ball

If you hit your partner's ball, by mistake, you are out of the hole and your partner has to finish the hole alone. If anyone hits an opponent's ball, it is loss of hole. 6.3

### Ball in motion

If a player's ball in motion accidentally hits the player, the opponent or any other player or any of their caddies or equipment, there is no penalty. (In stroke play, there is a penalty if both balls are on the putting green.)

### Strokes Taken

When asked for the number of strokes taken, or when giving that information without being asked:

- The player must give the correct number of strokes taken
- A player who fails to respond to the opponent's request is treated as giving the wrong number of strokes taken and incurs a loss of hole penalty, UNLESS the mistake is corrected:
  - 1-While playing the hole: before the opponent makes another stroke or makes a concession.
  - 2-After hole completed: before either player makes a stroke to begin another hole or makes a concession.
  - 3-For the final hole: before the result of the match is final 3.3a(5)

### Doubt as to Procedure

In Match play there is no such thing as playing a 2<sup>nd</sup> ball as there is in stroke play. If a player plays a second ball, she is disqualified for the hole. You and your opponents can agree on the procedure as you feel is accurate. However, if you cannot reach an agreement, play the ball, as you believe it to be accurate. The opponents MUST then officially make a claim, before teeing off on the next hole, or before Match is final. The committee will rule on the situation at the end of the Match.

### Claims

If there is a disagreement on a hole as to a penalty or score, either side can make a CLAIM before teeing off on the next hole or in the event of the last hole, before the Match is final. You must notify the other side that you are making a claim and give the reasons why. If you cannot get an answer on the course, you can get the CLAIM resolved by a Committee official and make a scorecard adjustment as the result of the hole where the claim was made. If you do not make a CLAIM, you cannot get a ruling that will affect the match.

