

Winnipeg High School Golf WWAC League Play

First Tee Instructions for Each Group

1. We are playing match play today. There will be 2 points awarded in each match –1 point to the winners of the front nine and 1 point to the winners of the back nine. Each nine is a separate match, with no carryover of match scores between the nines and no point available for the overall 18 holes.
2. It is team match play under better ball rules. That is to say that each player plays his own golf ball to completion and the better score of the two players on the same team is the score for that team on that hole. Each hole is won, lost or halved (tied) on this basis. The team that wins more holes on each nine wins that nine and the 1 point that goes with it.
3. A few things to note about match play:
 - The rules and etiquette of match play can differ somewhat from the rules of stroke play. The Rules of Golf are in effect. I will be marshalling play on the course today and I am carrying a copy of the RCGA Rules of Golf, so if you need assistance on a ruling please try to flag me down and I will attempt to assist in a ruling.
 - It is not required that all players finish a hole to completion. A good example of when this might be the case is when Player A is 75 yards in the trees while his playing partner Player B has 5 feet for birdie. Player A can and probably should pick up his ball at that point. It is important to note however, that unless you are mathematically eliminated you should generally always play until you must concede defeat on a hole – you never know when you are going to hole that shot from the bunker or run that 100 yard punch shot from the trees to three feet – don't give up!
 - In team play you can definitely help your playing partner with club selection, lining up putts, swing tips, etc... This is a team game – help each other out and cheer each other on.
 - In match play you are permitted to practice putt or chip when play has finished on hole (time permitting). This is accounted for under the Rules of Golf because in match play you could conceivably go many holes without having to make a chip or putt that counts if your playing partner is leading the play. Don't abuse this opportunity, but you should know that it is available to you.
4. I need each team to write their first and last names in the first two lines of a score card and then exchange the card with your playing opponents. Both teams should then place their own names on the bottom rows of the cards and keep track of both of their opponents scores and their own scores. Please return both cards to me at the end of the round. I will be at the 18th green to collect both cards.
5. After 9 holes it is particularly important to agree on the state of the match since that match has essentially ended. At the end of the nine please compare and confirm scores with your opponents so that one match can end in agreement and the next begin.

6. Be courteous. Do not walk ahead of other players before they take their shots. Do not stand behind an opposing player when they are putting. Do not stand on the other side of the hole when someone is putting. If you remove the flagstick make sure to place it so that it does not interfere with a player's line – including behind the hole. Do not speak and minimize your movement when other players are hitting. Repair ball marks, rake sand traps, and mark your golf balls out of courtesy to your opponents.

7. Keep the pace. If a match has ended before the nine holes has been completed you may be asked to move to the next hole if your group is an more than an entire hole behind and your match for that nine is over. If the back nine match ends before 18 you can continue to play for fun, but the match is over and you can finish playing at that time – just make sure to find me and get the cards to me!

8. Summer rules are in effect. Do not improve your lie at any time unless taking relief under the Rules of Golf.

9. Good luck!