



## Wisconsin Valley Golf Association

### WVGA Match Play Championship Official Rules – March 2019

#### SIGN UP AND FEES:

- **Bryan Kujawa** is the Administrator of the **WVGA Match Play Championship** sponsored by **Goal Line Golf & Hockey**
- To sign up you can contact Bryan using [matchplay@wivalleygolf.org](mailto:matchplay@wivalleygolf.org) or by calling **715-348-9994**
- A **\$40 fee** is required to be “registered” for Match Play. This can be paid in cash to any WVGA board member or by mailing a check to the WVGA at **P.O. Box 5031 Wausau, WI 54402-5031**
- Sign up and PAY the fee at or before the Spring Meeting on April 10 and only pay \$30
- The last day to sign up for the tournament is April 30

#### MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT:

- This is a head-to-head handicap match play tournament
- A random selection single elimination bracket will be used
  - The first-round bracket will be filled as players sign up and pay the fee
  - The successive brackets will be filled in order by the winner of the previous round matches
- The tees that each player uses will be determined by the Administrator based on the course selected and the players handicap

#### MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES & REGULATIONS:

- All players must have their **registration fee paid** to WVGA before they will be considered **registered** to play
- The match players will be responsible for selecting the date of the match and the course to be played from the WVGA course listing – Inform the administrator as soon as possible to get tee assignments
- All players will be subject to a Handicap Lookup using the WSGA website (<https://www.wsgalookup.com/index.htm>). If there are scores available on that website, they will be imported into the WVGA system and merged with any existing scores to produce a Handicap Index used for Match Play Championship. If there is a significant difference between the WVGA Handicap Index and the WSGA Handicap Index, the lower of the two will be used.
- Forward all results directly to the Administrator, so the updates can be officially posted on the WVGA website: <http://wivalleygolf.org/match-play> so that others participating in the Championship are made aware
- If a match is not completed by the deadline for the round, a coin flip will determine the winner
- If any disagreements arise, the WVGA Executive Board will meet and make a determination

#### FIGURING YOUR HANDICAP FOR MATCH PLAY:

- A **Handicap Index** will be determined for each golfer at the start of the tournament and this will remain their Handicap Index for the entire Match Play Championship
- Once the course and the tees have been assigned, each player’s Handicap Index is converted to a **Course Handicap** by multiplying their Index by the Slope for the tees that will be used to play the match, then dividing by 113 and rounding to the nearest whole number
- The lower Course Handicap is then subtracted from the higher one and the difference is how many strokes that will be given to the player with the higher Course Handicap
- For example: Player A has a Course Handicap of 6 and Player B has a Course Handicap of 13, then the calculation would be  $13 - 6 = 7$ , so Player A gives seven (7) strokes to Player B
- Strokes will be given on the most difficult holes, starting with the #1 handicap hole as shown on the scorecard
- Contact the Match Play Administrator or the golf course professional if you have questions regarding a player’s Course Handicap

#### KEEPING SCORE:

- All non-senior male players will use the middle tees if there are three sets of tees, or the front middle tees if there are two sets of middle tees



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- The match will be concluded when the number of holes remaining is less than the difference in the score
- For example, if a player is ahead by 3 holes with 2 holes to play, that player wins 3 & 2
- If the match is tied after 18-holes, sudden death will apply, and the match will continue until a winner is determined

### **WINNING THE TOURNAMENT:**

- The winner of the tournament is the winner of the Final Round