

## NMGA Match Play Rules

1. The Match Play ladder will be posted on the NMGA website (<http://nmgagolf.com>).
2. Handicaps posted on the NMGA website from the Sunday prior to the match are to be used. Handicaps may vary for each round played.
3. The higher handicap player receives strokes equal to the difference in handicaps. Strokes are allocated beginning with the first nine played and alternating thereafter.
4. Lowest NET score wins the hole. Match is over when one player is ahead by more holes than remain to be played. If tied after 18 holes sudden death playoff hole(s) will be played until one player wins a hole. The winner of the match is to send an email to [allynwillard@rogers.com](mailto:allynwillard@rogers.com) with "Match, Last name, First name, result of the match" in the subject line.
5. The first round should be played on Men's Day as scheduled or during the following week. No shows forfeit the match unless arrangements have been made to reschedule.
6. Subsequent matches are to be arranged by the participants to be completed by the last day specified in the NMGA schedule.
7. If both opponents wish to play their match on Men's Day, they must indicate that when signing up to play so that they may be scheduled together. Players playing a match on Men's Day are not eligible for the weekly prizes.
8. If the players are unable to complete their match before the cutoff date, then they both forfeit, and their next opponent gets a bye.
9. Players are not permitted to mislead their opponent by providing incorrect information as to the number of strokes taken during the playing of a hole. The penalty for breach is loss of the hole.
10. A player may concede the match at any time prior to the conclusion of the match. A player may concede a hole at any time prior to the conclusion of the hole. A player may concede his opponent's next stroke at any time, provided the opponent's ball is at rest. A concession may not be withdrawn or declined.
11. Note that some of the penalties are different for Match Play than for Stroke Play.
  - a. Rule 6-1 Playing outside teeing ground – no penalty but opponent may require the player to cancel the stroke and play a ball from within the teeing ground.
  - b. Rule 6-3c Hitting Wrong Ball – loss of hole.
  - c. Rule 11.1a Ball striking another ball when hit from on the green – no penalty.
  - d. Rule 14.3 Playing from the Wrong Place – loss of hole.
12. Match Play scores must be posted on Golf Canada within 48 hours of the completion of the match.
  - a. Conceded holes or strokes – record your most likely score.
  - b. Holes not played – enter 0 on Golf Canada for holes not played and the computer will calculate the score for handicap purposes.