

MPDWG HANDICAP MATCHPLAY

CONDITIONS OF PLAY 2010

21/June/2010

FORMAT

MPDWG Handicap Matchplay will be played in two (2) divisions.

Handicap match play competition, with full strokes given, played between clubs affiliated with MPDWG.

Divisions will be determined once entries are received. **No play off between divisions. Flags will be awarded to the winners of each division.**

MPDWG defines a **match** as a contest between two teams and a **game** as a contest between two players within the match.

1. CLUB ELIGIBILITY FOR THE 2010 SEASON:

- 1.1 Club must be a fully financial affiliated member club of MPDWG
- 1.2 Club must complete the MPDWG Handicap Matchplay entry form and pay the entry fee by 14 May
- 1.3 Each club may enter one team. Divisions will be determined once entries are received.
- 1.4 Each team to consist of five (5) eligible female players

2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 A player must be a financial amateur playing member of a MPDWG affiliated club.
- 2.2 A player may represent only one MPDWG affiliated club during the season.
- 2.3 Handicap: 24 - 42, at date of first match. A player may have played one game of Pennant during the 2010 Pennant season.
- 2.4 A player is still eligible to compete if any reduction/increase in handicap outside the handicap range occurs after her first day of play

3. ORDER OF PLAY, TEAM LISTS & ARRIVAL AT THE TEE

- 3.1 Teams must be played in handicap order. Order of play is 5 – 1. A team which has fewer than five players must move all players up and forfeit matches in order 5–1.
- 3.2 Names and handicaps of team members must be written on the result sheets in handicap order 1 – 5 and handed to captain of opposing team no later than 15 minutes before starting time. Failure to do so may result in forfeit of the first match of the offending team and for each subsequent 10 minutes, the next match will be forfeited.

- 3.3 The team mentioned first in the draw is the “home club” and the captain of that team should hand her result sheet to the starter 10 minutes prior to the time the team’s first player is due to play.
- 3.4 If a team fields less than 5 players, walkovers shall be given from the 5th position. If a club intends to give a walkover, either as a team or in an individual match, the MPDWG Tournament Secretary and the Captain of the opposing team should be notified prior to the match.
- 3.4 Should a player play out of position, her game and all subsequent games out of position on that day will be forfeited and the opposing team awarded game points for the games affected.
- 3.5 Should an ineligible player be included in a team, her game and all subsequent games on that day will be forfeited.
- 3.6 Commencing times and tee allocation will be stated in the Draw

NB: NO DISQUALIFICATION PENALTY WILL BE APPLIED UNTIL MPDWG MATCH COMMITTEE ADJUDICATES ON THE MATTER.

4. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 4.1 The 2010 MPDWG Standard Conditions of Entry apply.
- 4.2 All matches shall be played under the Rules of Golf, Match Play (Rule 2) and Local Rules of the course where played. The MPDWG Match Committee, whose decision is final, will decide any dispute or protest.
- 4.3
A player must be ready to start at the appointed time. If a player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, the penalty for failing to start on time is loss of first hole. Play will commence from the second hole. However if officials have been informed of special circumstances causing her delay she must commence her game before the next scheduled club’s match starts or forfeit the game. The following games shall not be delayed whilst awaiting the late arrival. **Decision 6-3a/1.5**
- 4.4 Players must cease play when their match is over.
- 4.5 Practice on the course on the day of the competition is not permitted. Breach of this condition will result in disqualification of the player or players involved. Prior to commencement of play, practice is permitted on the designated practice areas of the host club with the exception to Rule 7-1. During play, practice is permitted in accordance with Rule 7-2.
- 4.6 Players 70 years of age and over are allowed to use motorised vehicles. Players under 70 years of age, who have a permanent disability or are recovering from serious illness or injury and are unable to play without the use of a motorised vehicle, must carry a current Medical Certificate. Penalty: Refer Rules of Golf Appendix 1, Part C-9

Exception: Rules Officials may use a motorised vehicle to transport a player in the interests of pace of play where necessary without penalty.

- 4.7 It is the player's responsibility to arrange golf cart hire/usage at the relevant club.
- 4.8 It is the individual Team's responsibility to confirm with the Host Club if golf carts are available and can be used on the day the round is to be played. The MPDWG does not accept any responsibility when clubs do not allow the use of golf carts.
- 4.9 In the interest of player health and safety, at venues where golf carts are not available or permitted, players with a permanent cart certificate should exclude themselves from play at that venue.
- 4.10 Players may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is used.
- 4.11 Players/caddies are permitted to make phone calls from the course to the clubhouse or Rules Official for rules/emergency assistance only. Phones must otherwise be turned off. Penalty for unauthorized use of mobile phone will be considered a serious breach of etiquette and the MPDWG Match Committee may impose a penalty under Rule 33-7.
- 4.12 A Team Manager or Non Playing Captain is not part of a match and is considered to be an outside agency. Any player receiving advice from persons other than her caddie shall be subject to penalty in accordance with Rule 8-1.
- 4.13 Should a Team Captain consider a condition has been breached a written report must be received by the Tournament Secretary for consideration within three (3) days of the alleged breach. Penalties shall be retrospective.
- 4.14 MPDWG Match Committee reserves the right to amend Conditions 1 – 7 as required. Any changes made to the 2010 Conditions will be communicated to all District clubs immediately.

5. RESULTS

- 5.1 Players are listed 1-5 in the Results Book
- 5.2 Round Results will carry the following points:
 - a. An individual game which is square at the 18th hole shall be scored as ½ point each;
 - b. An individual win or walkover will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) game point;
 - c. A draw between two teams (i.e. 2½ game points each) will result in each team being awarded half (½) a match point;
 - d. A team win or walkover will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) match point;

- e. In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the season, the winner will be decided on a countback of individual games won by each team. If a tie still remains, MPDWG will arrange a play off on a neutral course. Tied games in the play off will continue from the first hole sudden-death hole by hole until a winner is decided. Players contesting in the playoff must be regular team members.
- f. The Team Captain of the host club is responsible for recording all results on the Master Result Sheet and passing the Results Box, with all relevant sheets, to the club which is hosting next.

5.3 Division ladders will be calculated in the following manner:

- a. Teams will be positioned on their respective Division ladder by Match Points;
- b. Game points will be used to determine the position of teams tied on Match Points.

6. CADDIES

- b. The player may be assisted by a caddie but is limited to only one caddie at any one time. (Rule: 6-4).
- c. A player /caddie who has completed a match may caddie for a team member.
- d. A player is prohibited from having a Professional Golfer serve as her caddie.
- e. A caddie is entitled to assist her player on the green.

7. ABANDONMENT OF PLAY

- 7.1 There shall be a waiting time of one hour after the first hit-off time for a decision to be made if a course is unplayable. This decision is to be made by a club official or person delegated by the host club.
- 7.2 In case a course is declared unplayable after play has started all matches will be cancelled, whether completed or not. All matches shall be declared halved.
- 7.3 If a decision is made the day before that a course is obviously going to be unplayable, clubs should be notified immediately.

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