

# **FAIRWAY SOCIAL GOLF CLUB**

## **SINGLES MATCH PLAY COMPETITION RULES**

Competition will be run consecutively until the winner has been declared.

The competition is strictly between the two players. In match play, each hole is a separate competition.

### **SCORING**

The scoring is to be carried out as a + (winner) and - , or a square for a draw. The cards should show the players as well as the markers scores, and both names with the playing HC recorded clearly.

The player with the better score (after consideration is given to the players handicap and the hole index) on an individual hole wins that hole. The player winning the most holes wins the match.

In case of a draw at the end of the game, the winner shall be decided using the following local rule:

1. Play off on a sudden death (SD) format in the next game.
2. The draw for the next round will be carried out before the match begins.
3. The SD players will be grouped together in the same flight with the player they will play in the next round (for the match play or the Plate).
4. Once the SD play off has been decided, then the match play and the Plate comp can be played with the respective players, for the next round.
5. The individual hole played in the SD for the two players will now be transferred to their opponents cards for scoring of the next round of match play and the plate comp
6. Scoring could be tricky, so stokes need to be recoded accurately for each player, so that the result can be worked out later, if the players are not able to record the match play results.

An Example given for a scenario

Jack & Vikash ended in draw. Following week the draw is done & the winner is to play Narend (in Match Play) and the loser to play Deo (in Plate), so Jack Vikash Narend & Deo tee off in the same group. Jack & Vikash are playing sudden death, Narend is playing Match play and Deo playing Plate, but not involved in SD. Once the SD is decided, then Narend plays with the winner and Deo plays with the loser. Two sets of scoring cards may have to be maintained for the players in the SD playoff.

7. In the final, if there is a draw, then the match shall be scheduled for play off later, and decided in the first 9 holes, but if still there is no result, then it is a sudden death from hole 10 onwards.

### **NON ATTENDANCE**

If a player is not able to attend on the day of the match, he will not be able to take any further part in the competition; ie there will be no rescheduling of any match. Except in the case of the final, when due considerations may be given by the match committee for a re schedule.

## **DRAWS**

The draws will be carried out on the day, prior to the start of the match, if it has not been organised before by the match committee, thus all players need to arrive at least half an hour before the tee off time. In the event there are odd no of players on any day of the competition, then there will be a bye declared. A player cannot be designated as a bye more than once in this competition, if there are byes during different rounds of the competition.

The draws will be carried out such that the competition has 4 players playing in the semi final in order to qualify for the finals, rather than a player qualifying to play in the final as a bye.

## **HANDICAP**

The HC on the day will be used, after consideration has been given to the course index. The maximum strokes given to an opponent for the match play will be limited to 18. The lower handicap player will play off scratch, and thus the difference in the HC between the two players will be the strokes given to the higher HC player, and be limited to 18. So if player A has a HC of 12 and player B is on 21, then player B get an additional stroke on the holes with match play index of 1 to 9.

## **RULES**

All players are encouraged to brush up on the rules of golf and match play, as an incorrect decision could cost them the match. If unable to reach a decision on any rule during the play, even after consultation with the rest of the players in the group, play two balls (if necessary) to complete the hole and advise the tournament committee all the facts to the event leading to a disputed ruling among the player and the marker, for a appropriate ruling. The match committee decision will be final, in a situation when any matter has been referred to the committee.

## **RESULTS**

Once the signed cards have been submitted, the results will stand as they are, so it is imperative that the player and marker complete the score card correctly. Please see that the scoring is legible and readable. The cards will be checked for correct scoring (the hole match result & the summing of the result), and any errors found with the scoring, will be corrected, based on the scores (strokes recorded) as shown on the score card. Once the signed cards are submitted, no changes can be made to the scores as recorded.