

## 2023 WWGA Women's Match Play Tournament Rules Mountain View

1. This is a Single Elimination 18 Hole Women's Match Play Tournament to be played on the Mountain View course.
2. All play is governed by USGA Match Play Rules and The Woods Local Rules.
  - Any USGA rule that results in a 2-stroke penalty in stroke play is loss of the hole in Match Play. One-stroke penalties in Stroke Play are the same in Match Play and the same rules apply.
  - Model Local Rule E 5 regarding lost or out of bound balls is not in effect.
  - Drops areas on MV Holes #3 & 9 cannot be used.
  - You may concede your opponent's hole, putt or the match at any time. Once a concession is made it cannot be withdrawn.
3. Must be a WWGA Member to play and all play is from the Gold Tees.
  - The maximum course handicap is 39.
  - Net handicap strokes will be calculated based on the lowest handicap player who will play to a "0" handicap (scratch).
4. First round bracket will be based on handicaps with the highest handicap player playing the lowest handicap player. Ron Springer will determine any "Byes". If there are 12 or more players in the Tournament, a consolation round will be held for the first round losing players to determine 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
5. Players must complete their matches within each bracket's time frame and contact their opponent to arrange the match.
  - Any player not available during the bracket time frame must forfeit the match.
  - Any players paired in a bracket, who due to prior commitments do not have one day when they are both available to play, must contact the Club Pro, Ron Springer, as soon as this is known, but no later than two days prior to the bracket deadline and will be given the option of:
    - 1) Forfeiting their match.
    - 2) Having their match decided by a coin toss.
    - 3) Getting a one-time 2-day extension to play. Failure by one or both players to play within the 2-day extension will result in a forfeiture of the match by that player(s). Coin toss will not be an option.
  - Players will have forfeited the match if they do not play within the bracket's time frame and did not contact the Club Pro to exercise option 2 or 3 above.
6. Players arriving late for their tee time, but within 5 minutes, lose the first hole and will start on the second hole. **Players arriving after 5 minutes are disqualified.**
7. Order of Play
  - On the first tee, honors shall be determined by a flip of a coin or a tee. After that the Player who won the previous hole shall have the honor. In case of a tie, honors remain with the Player who previously held the honor.
  - During play on a hole, the Player furthest away from the hole shall play first. If a Player plays out of turn on the tee or during play on the hole, the opponent may let it stand or require the Player to cancel the stroke and play in the correct order. Likewise, if a Player plays from the wrong tee. There are no penalty strokes for this.
8. Players may not ask nor give each other advice (Loss of Hole).
9. Requesting a Ruling – if a dispute arises between the Players and the Players cannot get a ruling in a timely manner, then prior to the start of the next hole, the Player wanting a ruling shall inform their opponent that a ruling will be sought during/after the match. Play shall continue from there. **Players may not play a second ball in match play (Loss of hole if they do).**
10. Matches may not include players who are not playing in the Match.
11. If Matches are tied at the end of the round, play will continue starting at the 1<sup>st</sup> hole until a Player has won a hole (sudden death).
12. Immediately following the end of the match, each Player's scorecard must be signed by both players and turned into the Pro Shop. The winning Player shall record their win on the bracket sheet on the bulletin board outside the Pro Shop. All Players' scores from the match shall be posted into GHIN using Par + Handicap Stroke(s) for unplayed holes and their most likely score for conceded holes.
13. The winner of any match stopped due to weather (or darkness) after 12 holes and not finished by the end of the day, shall be the player with the most holes won. Ties shall be decided by a coin toss. If 11 holes or less have been played, then the remaining holes must be completed within the bracket time frame. See Rule 5 if Player's availability is an issue.