



## Match Play Rules 2020

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### Tees

Play is from the red tees.

### Arranging The Tie

Both players are equally responsible for arranging the match. It is the responsibility of both players to agree and arrange a mutually agreeable date and time prior to the closing date of the round in question.

### Result of Tie

All results must be reported to the Match Secretary at the earliest opportunity.

With the clubhouse closed until further notice, and multiple people touching paper draw sheets being undesirable in a pandemic, results should be reported by phone, text or email.

### Failure To Play Tie

In the event of a tie not being played by the stated closing date for the round, or if no winners name is communicated to the Match Secretary, both players will be automatically eliminated from the competition, unless an extension has been granted by the Match Committee, or the tie is pending a Match Committee decision. **Extensions will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.**

### Abandonment of a Tie "In Play"

Should it be necessary to abandon a match for adverse weather or other justifiable reason, it shall be resumed from the point where play stopped.

### All Square After 18 Holes

A match ending 'all square' shall be decided on a sudden-death play-off, resuming at the 1st hole. Strokes should be taken in accordance with the handicap stroke index.

### Handicap Allowance

The allocation of handicaps against the course stroke index will be based upon national handicaps at the time of playing the match. CONGU directs that full handicap allowance be used for singles competitions when played as handicap events. The reference in all cases refers to Playing Handicaps. Strokes must be taken according to the handicap stroke index. **MAXIMUM HANDICAP IS 45.**

### Settlement of Disputes

This should be handled where possible by the players involved, with reference to these rules and the Rules of Golf. In the event of no agreement being reached, the matter should be promptly reported to the Match Secretary or a member of the Match Committee. Their decisions are final and binding.

### Keep Interest Alive

The objective must always be to honour any tie and thereby keep any interest alive in tournament play. To aid the smooth running of the Match Play events it is vital that an early approach be made by all players involved in arranging the tie.

**IMPORTANT : All players must adhere to guidelines issued by the Scottish Government, and by the golf club during the COVID-19 pandemic. These will be changeable and it is the player's responsibility to keep up to date with any amendments during the course of the year.**