

2026 Match Play Golf Rules

Golf Rules Application

- USGA Rules shall apply
- Local Course Rules shall apply
- TAPPS rules shall apply
- USGA Match Play rules shall apply

Student Eligibility

- Students must be entered into the TAPPS database prior to the tournament
- Students must be marked as eligible in the TAPPS database prior to the tournament

Team Members

- The school roster may include up to eight (8) eligible students
- A school must enter five (5) players for each match
- If a school does not enter five players, any lines not filled shall be considered a forfeit

Match Lineup

- Coaches may change the lineup prior to each match
- Coaches may change the order of play prior to the start of each match
- The match line up is due to the tournament officials no later than 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the match
- No changes to the lineup are to be made after submission to the tournament officials
- Team lineups may be changed between matches

Length of Play

- Each individual match shall continue until a winner is determined or
- If the match is tied at the conclusion of regulation
 - A one (1) hole playoff shall be played
 - If the extra hole is halved, the match shall be determined a draw
- Once an individual match is determined, the match players may continue to play until their paired partners determine a winner.
- Team matches shall conclude once a winner is determined (3 individual match wins)

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Match Procedure:

- Both Coaches shall record the results of each individual match on their scoresheet
- Both Coaches shall turn in their match scoresheet to the tournament director
- Tournament director shall record the results of the match

Scoring:

- Double Par rule is in effect
 - Once double par is reached on any hole, the hole is concluded for that player and no more strokes should be attempted
 - Once double par is reached, a player may concede the hole
 - If both players reach double par, the hole shall be halved
- Concession
 - Players may concede a hole at any time during play for that hole
 - Players may concede a match during the contest without penalty
- Recording Scores
 - Match Play requires each contestant to record their match score and not their actual score on a hole
 - Once the match begins, holes are considered a win, loss or halved.
 - The running total should be recorded to keep track of the match

