

Match Play Four Ball Rules

Start

Time

Your partner shows up one minute late at the 1st hole, your partner sits out the 1st hole and joins you on the 2nd hole. She may be with you and give advice but not play. If she shows up in the middle of a hole being played, she can offer advice on the hole, but she cannot play it. She can begin playing on the next hole. 6-3

Clubs

You & your partner can both have 14 clubs each and **not** share the clubs -or- you & your partner can have 14 clubs between the two of them 4-4

Advice

You may give verbal advice to your partner at anytime, even if you have been disqualified from the hole. A player disqualified from a Hole cannot continue to play the hole as her actions may assist her partner. Your opponent may ask for distance and that is within the rules and can be shared. 8-1, 8-2

Partners

If your breach of a rule assists your partner's play, or adversely affects an opponent's play, you partner incurs the same penalty incurred by you. IN all other cases, where you incur a penalty for a Breach of a Rule, the penalty does not apply to your partner. 30-3

Practice

Practice on the competition *course* on any day of a match-play competition is OK. 7-1

Putting Green

If your ball lies on the green and your partner or opponent makes a stroke and hits your ball, no penalty in Match Play. The ball that was hit is put back to its original location. The putted ball is played from where it lies after hitting the other ball. 19-5

Sand and loose soils are loose impediments on the putting green ONLY. Definition LI

You may indicate the line of putt for your partner, but you may not touch the green to indicate the line. If you touch the green when indicating advice on a putt, your partner has a loss of hole, and if it helps your putt, you are both out of the hole. 8-2

Your partner CANNOT stand directly behind you when you putt. She CAN NOT stand on your extended line beyond the hole when you putt. If she does, the person putting is out of the hole and so is the partner if the read of the putt assisted her as well. You may stand to the side of a putt without penalty. 8-2

An opponent, at anytime, can ask you to mark your ball if she feels your ball is offering assistance to your partner. If you fail to comply with the request, you and your Partner are disqualified from the Hole. 22-1

CONCEDED PUTT

Once you give a putt and they miss, you can't take back the concession. However, if they fail to pick their ball up after the putt is conceded and their putt assists their partner, the partner is disqualified for the hole. 2-4

Teeing Ground

One of your opponents tees off in front of the tee markers or at the white instead of the red. In these cases, you can call it two ways. If it is a good shot, you can make her re-tee it, or if it is a bad shot, could say ball is in play. You must recall the shot before anyone else tees off.

If all four of you tee off on the wrong hole, then all four of you can agree to halve the hole and go to the next tee. If you choose not to halve the hole, only the last person who hit can have their shot recalled. The balls of the other 3 players are in play where they lie. 11-1

Order of Play

The team with the lowest team CH tees off in any order within the team on the 1st hole.

After that the team winning the most points on the previous hole tees off first on the next tee. 10-1

Agreeing to waive the Rules of Golf

If you and your partner agree to play ready golf with your opponents, you are all disqualified from the round. You may tell your opponents to go first if it is your turn or they may get permission from their opponents on a case-by-case basis, but you may not agree to waive Rule 1.

Concessions

To speed up play, all four players can tee off, and then agree to halve the hole and move on to the next hole. You may concede a hole at any time provide the opponents' ball is at rest. If you are out of the hole and cannot help your partner, to speed up play PICK UP 2-4

Ball at rest moved

If your partner runs over **your** ball with a cart, **you** (not your partner) gets a stroke penalty and have to replace the ball to its original position. If you run over the opponent's ball while searching for her ball no penalty to anyone. If you are not **searching** for the ball, you have a one-stroke penalty for moving her ball. Her ball is returned to its original position. 18-3

Wrong Ball

If you hit your partner's ball, by mistake, you are out of the hole and your partner has to finish the hole alone. She is not disqualified for the hole, only you. 15-1

Ball in motion, deflected or stopped

If you hit your partner's bag by mistake, you get one stroke penalty. Since you are a team, your partner's equipment is considered your equipment as well. If you hit your opponents' equipment, you have the choice to replay the shot or play it as it lies. 19-3

Strokes taken

You can ask your opponents how many strokes they have any time during that hole. If they tell you a wrong count, they must correct the count before you or your partner hit your next shot. If they correct it after your team hits, **and it adversely affects your play**, then they lose the hole. 9-2, 30-3F/3 & 30-3F/4

Doubt as to procedure

In Match play there is no such thing as playing a 2nd ball (3-3), if a player plays a second ball, she is disqualified for the hole. The partner is **not** disqualified for the hole. You and your opponents can agree on the procedure as you feel is accurate. However, if you cannot reach an agreement, play the ball, as you believe it to be accurate. The opponents **MUST** then officially make a claim, before teeing off on the next hole, or before leaving the green of their last hole, that they wish to have it ruled by the committee at the end of the match. Lot would decide honors at the next tee. The Rules Committee will rule on the situation at the end of the match. 2-5

Claims

If there is a disagreement on a hole as to a penalty or score, either side can make a CLAIM before teeing off on the next hole or in the event of the last hole played, before the players leave the green.

You must notify the other side that you are making a claim and give the reasons why. If you cannot get an answer on the course, you can get the claim resolved by a Committee official and make the scorecard adjustment as to the result of the hole where the claim was made.

If you do not make a CLAIM you cannot get a ruling that will affect the match.2-5