

RIDEAU LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB MATCH PLAY 2024

SIGN-UP All participants must sign-up through the RL website. The deadline for signup is June 3rd, 2024. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

FORMAT and RULES

1. All players must be full members of RL G&CC and have an up-to-date Golf Canada handicap with a minimum of 5, 2024 games input into Golf Canada. It is mandatory that participants enter ALL game scores throughout the season in a timely manner. Non-compliance will result in a warning followed by subsequent elimination.
2. GOLF CANADA rules for Match Play govern play except where modified by local rules.
3. The stipulated round for each match is 18 holes. Women play from the WHITE/RED tees. Men play from the BLUE/WHITE tees, regardless of the tees you regularly play from.
4. The initial matches will be determined by a random draw.
5. **COURSE HANDICAPS:** Your course handicap (which is specific to the tees you play) (to a maximum of 36) and that of your opponents may be easily located by referring to Golf Canada's website and selecting "CLUB ROSTER" (column CH). If you are using the Golf Canada's mobile app., you can determine your opponent's, and your, Course Handicap by searching on the Course Handicap calculator **but be sure the appropriate white/red CH or blue/white CH is used when determining stroke allocation. The Proshop will assist you with confirmation if required.** This is not to be confused with your Handicap Index.
6. The Course Handicaps used for stroke allocations will be current and fluctuating in 2024. The coordinators will post competitors' course handicaps with the initial ladder however, players **MUST** adjust and determine the appropriate Course Handicap for their matches 24 hours prior to each match based on White/Red for the women and Blue/White for the men. Again, easily referenced on Golf Canada or confirmed by the Proshop or Coordinator.
7. The allocation of strokes will be based on the difference between the Course Handicap of the higher handicapped player and the lower handicapped player. The strokes will be allocated to the higher handicapper starting with the holes of highest difficulty (handicap line on scorecard with "1" being the highest difficulty).

TIMING/DATES

8. **Players must refer to the posted ladders for match dates.** The lower handicap person should contact the higher handicapped player to arrange their match, but either player may initiate the game.
9. In 2024, Match Play will begin Monday, June 10. The first round must be finished by Sunday, June 23. After that, the posted dates (refer to the ladder) must be strictly adhered to in order for everything to be finalized by the AGM. If for some reason the two players cannot set a date within the 2-week period, they may (at the beginning of the period) submit a request in writing to the Coordinators' Committee for a slight extension. The Committee (Debbie Webber, Nancy Abell, and Marc Tupper) will decide whether or not the reasons given are acceptable. The Committee may give an extension or eliminate one or both players from the competition.

10. Once the 2 players have agreed upon a date and time for their match, the agreement should be honoured. However, a second date may be requested, within the limits set in #9, if, for reasons beyond the player's control, they are unable to attend. The second time must be honoured or the player forfeits the match.

11. Players should do their best to tee off at the agreed time. A 10-minute grace period is allowed, but after that time the late player forfeits the match.

SCORECARDS

12. Players prepare their own scorecards. Holes on which strokes are given or received should be agreed upon and circled. The match is won when one player leads by a number of holes greater than the number remaining to be played. A player may concede a hole or the match at any time.

13. There is a line on the scorecard: Match +/- . You should enter a + if a hole is won, a – if a hole is lost or a / if the hole is tied.

14. A match which ends all squared is resolved in a sudden death playoff starting on hole #1, then consecutive holes until there is a winner. Stroke allocations "re-set" in this case.

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15. The winner of the match is responsible for writing his/her name on the appropriate line of the "ladder" immediately following the match and contacting the next opponent. The defeated player (first round only) puts his/her name on the consolation side and likewise contacts the next opponent. Winners normally "treat" their opponents to a refreshment. The scorecards only need to be retained in the case of a dispute, which should be forwarded to the appropriate coordinator for adjudication.

16. The tournaments will be single elimination. Each player is guaranteed 2 games. If you lose your first match, you move to the consolation round. If you lose a second match, you are eliminated, no matter whether you are on the "A" side or the consolation side. There are no "byes" past the first and second round.

17. The "Sole Survivor" will be the ultimate winner. The winner of the consolation tournament will be recognized as well.

GAME

18. At the start of the match, honour is determined by the toss of a tee. During play, if a previous hole was tied, the honour is retained.

REMINDER – OUT of BOUNDS or LOST BALL RULE YOU have two options. You may take a two (2) stroke penalty at the point where the ball went out of bounds or was deemed lost. In this case you measure laterally and may drop within two club lengths onto the fairway. (For example, off the tee, you would now be lying 3 and hitting 4.) Or you have the traditional option of a one (1) stroke (stroke and distance) penalty by hitting from the point where the original shot was made. (For example, in this case you would be lying 2 and hitting 3 off the tee.)

MIXED MATCH PLAY 2024 ALTERNATE SHOT Method of Play Men tee off the ODD numbered holes and women tee off the EVEN numbered holes, continually alternating shots. NOTE: You MUST use the same

ball throughout the hole. Stroke Allocation Formula (100% Woman's Course Handicap (CH) + 100% Man's Course Handicap (CH)) ÷ 2

Note: Rounded down in the case of a .5 decimal and Maximum 36 CH.

Example: *Team A: Woman 24 CH + Man 20 CH = 44 ÷ 2 = 22*

Team B: Woman 33 CH + Man 22 CH = 55 ÷ 2 = 27.5 rounded to

27 27-22 = 5

Therefore Team A would give Team B, 5 strokes.

Hole Handicap Allocation Hole Handicap allocations for Couples are to be based on the **WHITE/RED Handicap line**. Penalty strokes do not affect the order of play in alternate shot formats. Thus, if Player A hits the ball out of bounds or his ball is deemed to be unplayable lie, a penalty stroke is taken and Player B hits the next shot. The same applies to a "Whiff".

SINGLES

Singles are welcome and encouraged to find a partner in advance of registering. For those unable to do so, a draw will be made on June 4, 2024 to determine partners.