

**2017 ALASKA STATE AMATEUR
MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
June 23-25
Palmer Golf Course**

Notice to Players

The Rules of the United States Golf Association and, where applicable, the following Conditions and Local Rules govern play.

- 1) **Format:** Stroke play 18 hole qualifying, Match play Pool Play, followed by Semifinal and Final match play
- 2) **Divisions:** Men's Championship (Gross), Men's Net, Men's Senior Championship (Gross), Men's Senior Net, Women's Championship (Gross) & Women's Net
- 3) **Tees:**
 - Stroke Play** BLUE Men 6700-6900 yards, Stroke play WHITE Senior 6400-6600 yards, RED Women 5600-5800 yards
 - Match Play** BLUE Men Championship 6700-6900 yds, WHITE Men Net and Seniors 6400-6600 yds, RED Women 5600-5800
- 4) **Awards:**
 - Men's State Amateur Match Play Champion from Men Championship (Gross) division
 - Women's State Amateur Match Play Champion from Women's Championship (Gross) division
 - Men's Senior State Amateur Match Play Champion from Men's Senior Championship (Gross) div
 - Award for Men's State Amateur Match Play Net Champion from Men's Net division
 - Award for Men's Senior State Amateur Match Play Champion from Men's Senior Net division
 - Award for Women's State Amateur Match Play Net Champion from Women's Net division
- 5) **Stroke Play Qualifying for match play bracket**
 - All Men and Women will play 18 hole stroke play qualifier gross scoring
 - Men low sixteen (16) gross scores will be seeded into the Men's Championship (Gross) Match Play division brackets
 - Men low sixteen (16) Net score places will be seeded by Net score into Men Net Match Play division brackets not already placed in Championship (Gross) bracket
 - Men Senior low sixteen (16) gross scores will be seeded into the Men's Senior Championship (Gross) Match Play division brackets
 - Men Senior low sixteen (16) net scores will be seeded into the Men's Senior Net Match Play brackets not already in Championship (Gross) division bracket
 - Women low four (4) will be seeded into Women's Championship (Gross) bracket, low four (4) Net scores will be seeded into Net bracket not already in gross bracket
 - Ties will be decided by matching cards per USGA Appendix I Part C 11(c) paragraph #1
- 6) **Match Play Rounds (Pool Play, Semifinals, Finals)**
 - a. Men's and Women's divisions will be conducted in pool play under match play format. Each division will have a pool of 16 competitors, with four (4) brackets within each Pool. Women's gross and net will each have 4 competitors per division.
 - b. The winner of the Women's pool play will decide tournament champion(s) for Gross and Net brackets
 - c. The winner of each Men's bracket will advance to the semifinal bracket
 - d. Pool play scoring as follows:
WIN= 1 point, Draw= 0.5 point, Loss= 0 point
Ties for first place in Pool Play will be decided by hole by hole playoff starting on hole #1 following match #3 (Saturday P.M.) in Pool play

e. Men Brackets will be seeded as follows:

- Bracket #1 (seeds 1,8,9,16) Friday 1v16,8v9 Sat A.M. 1v9,8v16 Sat P.M. 1v8,9v16
- Bracket #2 (seeds 2,7,10,15) Friday 2v15,7v10 Sat A.M. 2v10,7v15 Sat P.M. 2v7,10v15
- Bracket #3 (seeds 3,6,11,14) Friday 3v14,6v11 Sat A.M. 3v11,2v14 Sat P.M. 3v6,11v14
- Bracket #4 (seeds 4,5,12,13) Friday 4v13,5v12 Sat A.M. 4v12,5v13 Sat P.M. 4v5,12v13

f. Men's Winner of each bracket to be placed within Semifinals as follows:

- Bracket # 1 winner vs. Bracket #4 winner (upper half)
- Bracket # 2 winner vs. Bracket #3 winner (lower half)

g. Men's Final will be "upper half" vs. "lower half"

h. Women gross and net will play as follows: Friday 1v4 & 2v3, Sat. A.M. 1v3 & 2v4,
Sat P.M. 1v2 & 3v4

7) PLAY YOUR BALL AS IT LIES

8) **Ground under repair:** Any deemed GUR has been marked with signage or white lines. Only the Committee is authorized to mark or otherwise designate any other areas as ground under repair. In addition there has been several irrigation repairs done. Please consult with playing partners and take relief from the repair area per GUR rules. An old cart path exists between holes 10 and 11 you may take relief from this as well. Please always notify and get agreement from other players in your group before taking any actions.

9) **Stones in bunkers** are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

10) **Hazards:** Red stakes or lines LATERAL WATER HAZARD. Yellow stakes or lines, WATER HAZARD.

11) **Distance Measuring Devices:** a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a *stipulated round*, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

12) **Cell phones** should not be used by competitors or their caddies during the stipulated round. Only exception being for rules clarifications or emergency. Please be courteous to your competitor. Willful violation may result in a 2-stroke penalty (stroke play) or loss of hole (match play).

13) **Pace of Play:** Rules committee has the discretion to assess penalty for slow play. Please keep up with group in front of you.

14) **Doubt as to Procedure (Stroke Play ONLY):** Rule 3-3 authorizes play of a second ball when doubtful of your rights or procedure. After the situation which caused the doubt has arisen and before taking any further action, you must announce to your marker your decision to precede under Rule 3-3 and which ball you will score with if the Rules permit. Upon completing the round (and **prior to signing your scorecard**) you must report the facts immediately to the Committee. The penalty for failing to do so is **disqualification**

15) **Reporting Your Score for Stroke Play:** Each player will serve as a marker (scorer) for another player (exchange scorecards). On completion of the round all score cards are to be brought **immediately** to the Committee at their scoring location. Any rules issues need to be settled with the Committee prior to signing your card. Each marker must sign the card of the player for whom he is scoring and hand it to the player. The player should check his score hole-by-hole. He must ensure that the marker has signed the score card and then sign it himself.

16) **Scoring for Net (Handicap) Match Play:** In a handicap match, the lower net score wins the hole. Your course handicap for match play is recorded on your card. The higher-handicapped player receives the full difference in course handicap between the two players; the lower handicapped player plays from scratch. *Example:* Player A with a course handicap of 17 receives four strokes from Player B with a course handicap of 13. Player A receives them on the first four allocated handicap-stroke holes. If Player A scores a gross 5 on the first allocated handicap hole and Player B scores a gross 5 on the same hole, Player A wins the hole because his net score for that hole is 4.

17) **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Of note there is out of bounds on the left side of holes 7 and 17. Those out of bounds stakes are for those two holes only.

18) **EXTRA HOLES** – Any match requiring extra holes should immediately proceed to hole #1 and continue the match. Please be courteous to the other players. Extra holes ARE NOT NECESSARY during MEN'S pool play.

Rules Committee: George Colum and designees

MATCH PLAY BASIC GUIDELINES & RULES

1. Order of Play (10-1):

- a. Teeing Ground (TG): TG honor is determined by seed, with reckoning of holes thereafter.
- b. Other than TG = farthest from hole.
- c. **NO** continuous putting (unless you are still farthest from the hole); no penalty, but opponent may immediately require you to cancel and replay.

2. Concessions (2-4): A player may concede an opponent's stroke (provided the ball is at rest), a hole, or the match (prior to start or conclusion of the hole or match). Be sure that your concession is loud and clear to your opponent. ("That's good" could possibly mean "that was a good shot" so be sure you both understand that it was a concession before picking up your ball). Concessions cannot be declined or withdrawn.

3. Status of Match: Opponents should agree on the status of the match after each hole.

4. Claims (2-5): There is not a 3-3 rule in Match Play (playing a second ball), but Rule 2-5 allows players to make a claim if there is a dispute between two players. If a Committee representative is not available, the players must continue the match without delay. Three steps are needed to make a claim:

- a. Notify the opponent that you wish to make a claim
- b. State the facts
- c. State that you want a ruling

Claims must be made timely before the next TG or if on the last hole of the match, before leaving the putting green (the claim will be resolved by referring the details to the Committee as soon as possible).

5. Wrong Information (9-2): A player cannot knowingly give wrong information (the opponent is entitled to know the number of strokes you have made when requested). Penalty strokes must be reported to opponent unless it is obvious that you are proceeding under a rule requiring a penalty -i.e. water or lateral hazard.

6. If your ball strikes your opponent's ball when both players are on the putting green, there is no penalty (19-5).

7. If a ball in motion is deflected or stopped by opponent or caddie or his equipment, the stroke may without penalty be cancelled and replayed or the ball played as it lies (19-3).

8. Penalties: There is not a 2-stroke penalty in Match Play. The general penalty in Match play is loss of hole except when otherwise provided (see guidelines below).

9) Reporting Your Score

Match Play: The player having the honor at the first tee is the scorer. Record the scores hole-by-hole for both players. When the match ends, record the name of the winner and the margin of victory. Be sure both opponents agree and return the score card to the scoring area immediately after the match.

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