

## Gander Match Play Championship Rules

1. All matches will be played from the white tees.
2. Any player who is registered for the single match play must have a Golf Canada Handicap that is accessible online by the opponent(s). Any player who doesn't have a Handicap in the Golf Canada System will not be entered into the tournament.
3. This is a singles match (1 vs. 1) and should be played as a twosome. However, if it is played as part of a threesome or foursome, the match opponents should tee off first on each hole.
4. Your Golf Handicap will be used throughout each match. The higher handicap will receive the differential of 75% on the lowest handicap holes. Please ensure you are using your most up-to-date handicap.

### **Example for Golf Handicap in Match Play**

The player with the lowest handicap becomes the baseline handicap and plays at scratch, meaning he doesn't get any handicap strokes. The other player gets his handicap strokes by subtracting the other player's handicap from his and then using 75% of that number. For example, your handicap for this course is 15 and your opponent's is a 6. Subtract 6 from 15; the differential is 9, 75% of 9 is 7 strokes! (always round up)... and your opponent plays scratch.

Each hole has a handicap number indicated on the scorecard (blue numbers). You subtract a stroke from your score on each hole for which you are allocated a handicap stroke to get your net score for that hole. For example, if you get six strokes, you subtract a stroke from your score on each of the six most difficult holes -- that is, the "1" handicap hole through the "6" handicap hole. Players will not be entitled to more than a 1 stroke per hole differential.

5. Players must play and finish their match before the deadlines posted for each round. If the players are unable to play their match within the round's time period, the Tournament Chair could determine that both players would forfeit their match. This would mean that the next opponent in their bracket would receive a victory and bye to move on to the next round. If one of the players cannot play within the bracket time period, the Tournament Chair would determine that the player would forfeit the match, and the other player would advance into the next round. Hopefully everyone can work this out and be reasonable. I recommend

that you and your opponent schedule your match as soon as the match is posted to ensure finishing your match in time. Playing your match prior to the scheduled deadline is allowed if certain parts of the bracket are ahead.

6. Late for tee time: If a player is late for his tee time, there is a grace period of 15 minutes with no "loss-of hole" penalty. After 15 minutes, and every 15 minutes thereafter, there will be a loss of one hole penalty per 15-minute period (starting with the 1st hole) – i.e., if you are 35 minutes late, you will have a loss of the 1st and 2nd hole of the match. If a player does not call his opponent or the course to say he'll be late, the "no-show" player forfeits the match after 40 minutes beyond the scheduled tee time.
7. A match is won when one player is up more holes than there are holes left to play. The match must go at least 9 holes in order to be official. In the case of bad weather or darkness; however, a continuance or stoppage of play must be mutual and of good judgment. If play cannot be resumed within a mutually agreed upon time that day, the winner will be determined by whoever was leading after the last completed hole. In the case of a tie, sudden death play is required. Players will play holes 1, 2, 3 and so on until a winner has been declared. Original handicap strokes are reinstated for sudden death holes. For example: if you received a stroke on the 1st hole during the regular round then you get a stroke for the 1st hole during sudden death.
8. In match play, a putt or hole can be conceded by a player to his opponent at any time and cannot be withdrawn. If you are unsure of a ruling, you cannot play two balls for the remainder of the hole, which is allowed in stroke play. You must accept the score you post for that hole unless you or your opponent make a "claim" before anybody tees off on the next hole or everybody leaves the putting green if on the final hole. A "claim" allows you to get the proper ruling later from the course or a reliable source that might affect your score on that hole. The penalty for breach of a rule in match play is loss of hole. Please make every effort to resolve any disputes and determine a winner before you leave the course. Any unresolved disputes must be emailed by midnight that day to [malkman\\_3\\_16@hotmail.com](mailto:malkman_3_16@hotmail.com) or text (709) 571-1401; a final ruling will be given within two days and is not subject to appeal.
9. Cost for the Match Play Tournament is \$20.00 and must be paid prior to first match via e-transfer to [gandergolfclub@nfld.net](mailto:gandergolfclub@nfld.net) or at Pro Shop. Entry is limited to first 32 players who have paid.  
**Deadline – Friday June 9th at 6pm.**

Rd 1 – Played by July 3rd  
Rd 2 – Played by July 17th  
Rd 3 – Played by July 31st  
Rd 4 – Played by August 14th  
Rd 5 – Played by August 28th

Please inform proshop of match results immediately upon completion of match and also text me at (709) 571-1401.... I plan on updating results on the club's Twitter account.

Any matches not played by deadline will result in disqualification of both competitors. Please do not sign up if you will be on vacation or unable to play a match within the time frame allotted.

Thank you kindly,  
Jason Evans  
Tournament Chair