

## Match Play 2026 - Double Elimination (Singles & Doubles)

Registration Deadline: April 15, 2026



### **By registering for 2026 Match Play, you are agreeing to the following:**

- You must have an established 18-hole handicap. Maximum allowable handicap for match play is capped at 40. If your handicap is higher than that, you may still enter, but the maximum of 40 will be used.
- All players MUST be willing to play during any day of the week including weekends to accommodate all members. If you cannot commit to a schedule such as this, please do not enter. Matches must be played by certain dates to keep the tournament bracket moving and finished by the end of the season. We strongly recommend that matches be played at Rum River Hills.
- The first 32 ladies to sign up for this event will be allowed to participate. Once 32 participants have been signed up, further registrations will be closed. Should there be less than 32 participants, we will allow the FIRST 16 who are signed up play. We are striving for fairness and want to eliminate the need for byes. Should we have less than 16 signed up to play, Match Play will be cancelled due to lack of interest.
- Entry fee is \$25.00 for Singles Match Play and \$25.00/person for Doubles Match Play and will guarantee you to play a minimum of 2 rounds.

### **Doubles Match Play:**

- Rules as stated above will apply. You must sign up as a team.
- You will each play your own ball. The best net score between the two of you will be your team score for each hole in the match.
- The first 32 teams to sign up for this event will be allowed to participate. Once 32 teams have been signed up, further registrations will be closed. Should there be less than 32 teams, the FIRST 16 who are signed up will be allowed to play. Should we have less than 16 teams, Doubles Match Play will be cancelled due to lack of interest.

### **Match Play Notes:**

- There will be two flights in Singles Matches.
- Doubles Match Play will not be flighted due to the variance in handicaps.
- Pairings will be randomly drawn at the Spring Banquet
- All players should make sure that they are using their current course handicaps. In the GHIN app, go to the handicap calculator, select Rum River Hills, and use the C.H. shown.
- Matches are to be played from red markers unless both players agree to play from another set of tees.
- A normal match is 18 holes, but players may decide to play any number of holes to determine the winner. Because the match may not be a complete round, it is at the discretion of the players if they enter it into the GHIN app or not.
- Players get 100% of their handicap up to a maximum of 40. Players should mark both golfer's bumps on the scorecard. Please use the red handicap ratings at the bottom of the scorecard to determine where your bumps fall. If you are uncertain on how to mark bumps, please contact a board member.
- Flip a coin to determine which player tees off first. Following the first hole, the player that won the previous hole tees off first (honors).
- Prior to the start of your round- determine how to handle a tie: sudden death, coin flip, score card play-off, etc.
- A player may concede a hole to their opponent or may concede a short putt (i.e. gimme) if desired.
- All league drop areas will be in play, according to league rules.
- In the case of a rule in question, play two balls and keep track of both scores. This may or may not affect the match. You can get a ruling from a board member or refer to a rules book.
- Be sure to fill in a legible scorecard containing names, scores, date, and signatures.
- Update the Match Play Bracket and let Cindy or Laurie know the results of your match. The bracket will be posted in the ladies lower level bathroom. This way each player knows who they will be playing next and when that match needs to be played by.

You may sign up and pay for Match Play along with your regular registration forms. Please also email us of your intention to play so that we can keep a count of participants and in the order received. Email to: [Cincyn11@hotmail.com](mailto:Cincyn11@hotmail.com). Let us know if you are playing in the singles match play, or the doubles match play, or both.

*Thank you! We are looking forward to a great year!*