

Australian Indoor Golf Match Play – Rules

- 1. Surfaces to be used/Grounding clubs:** The main mat is to be used for all shots except when on screen caddie indicates ball is: in the rough, heavy/deep rough, sand or wild grass (use green rough brush mat), note that clubs may be grounded when playing from the bunkers). Other surfaces such as pine needles, leaves, concrete, fringe, green, fairway and asphalt the main or alternate mats are to be used. *Ask for a ruling if in doubt.* In the event that a player takes a shot from an incorrect mat that shot is to be replayed with a one shot penalty. When playing from the rough mat the ball should not be placed in the mat. Use of the rough mat instead of the fairway/fringe mat is not permitted except for tee shots. If you want to play from the rough mat hit it into the rough. ☺
- 2. Shots not registering or phantom shots:** If a shot does not register there is no penalty. If during a practice swing contact is accidentally made with the ball and the shot is 'registered' the ball is considered to be in play. Should players suspect a phantom shot has been registered, a mulligan may be taken, but only in the presence of a TCB staff member in order to determine the circumstances of the phantom shot. Air swings are not penalised.
- 3. Mulligans/Holing Out/Not Competing:** Unauthorised mulligans on scorecards will be penalised with a loss of hole(s) starting with the first hole won. Should players not play any match during the pool game stage by the due date, the opponent will be awarded the match 5&4. Matches not completed in the main draw by the due date will be awarded to the opponent unless extenuating situations are brought to the attention of a TCB staff member who will make a decision on extending the match beyond the due date.
- 4. Handicaps:** No new players will be accepted into the draw without playing at least one regular Australian Indoor Golf tournament. Existing players tournament handicaps will be used for the Match Play Championships. Handicaps may be adjusted during pool games but will not be adjusted once in the main draw.
 - a. Indexes:** Where there is a handicap difference between the two players the player with the higher handicap will get the stroke advantage in order of difficulty of holes based on the indexing on the scorecard. For example, Player A has a handicap of 10, player B has a handicap of 14. Player B will have a one shot advantage on indexed holes 1 thru 4 rather than indexed holes 11 thru 14. TCB staff may elect to modify the index of some holes as shown on the scorecard.
- 5. Formats/Rankings:** All matches use the match play (handicap) format. Players will be placed into pools of 4 players based on indoor handicap. Once in the main draw all games will be elimination matches. All players will play 3 x 9 holes pool games. The main draw consists of 2 rounds, quarterfinals, semi finals and the grand final match. All effort will be made to ensure opponents in the main draw play their matches simultaneously. When this is not possible some matches maybe played separately. Depending upon numbers competing a maximum of 1 player will be eliminated at the pool stage, however 32 players will progress to the main draw stage. Depending on nominations the pool stage may be used only to determine rankings for the main draw. A points system will be used during pool games to facilitate the ranking of all players for the main draw. Points system as follows:
 - Pool Game Win - 10 pts
 - Pool Game Draw - 5 ptsBonus points will be awarded for:
 - The number of holes won during each Pool Game (regardless of the result).
 - One bonus point for 14 total putts or less, and .5 bonus point for every drive in the fairway.Where any players are tied on the same number of points after pool matches, players rankings will be determined by the lowest handicapped player(s).
- 6. Categories:** Depending of numbers of entries, an Open, Ladies and Division 2 categories will be played.
 - a. Determining Winners in Tied Matches:** In the event of a tie after 18 holes in the main draw, a 3-hole play-off will be used commencing at the first hole. Sudden death will be applied after the 3rd hole if players are still tied. In the event of a tie in pool games the match will be declared a draw.
- 7. Fees:** Nomination Fee – waived this event. Pool matches \$5, main draw matches at current competition rates. No fee charged for the Grand Final Match.
- 8. Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to Quarter Finalists through to the overall Champion and will consist of Trophies, Apparel, Merchandise and Gift Vouchers. Other prizes in a variety of categories will also be awarded, including statistic leaders. Any player to score the first Hole in One on any par 3 during the quarters, semis and grand final will win a full set of custom fitted golf clubs and bag.

9. Duration of event: Pool games can be played at anytime in the lead up to the Main Draw following official notification of pool players. Round 1 and 2 will be played over a four-week period, whilst the quarterfinals, semi finals and the grand final being played over a six-week period. Exact dates will be promulgated.

10. Event draw and results: The draw and event results will be posted on The Cyber Bunker website: www.thecyberbunker.com.au via the Golfer page. The exact link will be advised.

11. Eligibility: Only players who have competed in a regular Australian Indoor Golf Tournament are eligible to compete in Match Play events.

Supplementary Rules

12. Mobile phones are to be switched off during all matches if played together. Please observe all other golf play etiquette where appropriate such as:

- a. Do not move, talk or stand close to or directly behind an opposing player making a stroke.
- b. Always play without delay. If a delay of any kind is required permission from the opposing player is required.

13. Unless otherwise specified Men will play from the Pro or Middle tees, Ladies play from the Ladies tees, Juniors under 14 play from the Lady or Junior tees and Juniors under 17 play from Amateur or Forward tees. On courses where men play from Amateur/Forward tees Juniors under 17 may be permitted to play from either Lady or Junior tees.