



Maccabi Golf Club

The Swart Cup

4 Ball Best Ball Stroke Matchplay Competition

What is the Competition?

It is a 4 Ball Best Ball Stroke Matchplay.

The competition is played by four players competing as partners (a team) against another team as a 4Ball. Each player plays his/her own ball. Handicaps and scoring apply as to each player as per Stroke Match Play (More details below). The rules of 4BBB apply (i.e. partners can assist each other with advice etc.) in accordance with the Rules of golf. The winner of the hole is the team with the best individual stroke score nett of handicap. If each team has a player with the same best nett stroke score the hole is halved.

Who can Enter?

- Teams can be men, women or mixed. Each person can only participate in one team.
- Ladies hit from ladies tees.
- Men hit from the club allocated men's tees of the day.
- All entrants use their daily handicap for the course and tees they are playing.
- All entrants must be financial or life members of the Maccabi Golf Club at the time of entry.
- All entrants must have valid GA handicaps at the time of playing each round. The GA handicap and Slope rating on the day of the competition is to be used for the calculation of the daily handicaps for each player.
- The competition will accommodate a maximum of 64 teams. All byes (if any) will be in the first round.
- Entries close on April 14th 2024 at 5pm

How will the competition be run?

Teams to arrange their matches as follows:

- Choice of venue: matches can be played at any venue that the teams can agree on. The venue must have a Slope Rating.
 - If a venue cannot be agreed on, the team which played the previous round 'away' from their home club can choose the venue. If both teams played either 'away' or 'at home' in the previous round, and agreement cannot be reached the matter should be referred to the Match Referee who will determine, by a coin toss, which team may choose the venue. The team named higher on the draw will be Heads – the other team will be Tails.
- Costs of playing: Where players decide to play at a course where one or more players are charged a green fee, such cost are to be borne equally by all 4 players.
- Responsibility to arrange: It is the responsibility of the first named player in each pair to contact their opponent to arrange the match. It is encumbered on both players to contact each other as soon as the round starts.
- The Committee will determine the draw for Round 1.
- **The general rule of the competition is that no match extensions will be granted.**

- However, a match extension may be considered in very extenuating circumstances and at the sole discretion of the Match Referee. A delayed match can only be played within a short period of the scheduled date. The default position will be that the team available for play on the round completion date will be awarded the win.
- If you are planning on travelling, have Simchas or for any other reason will be away or unavailable for any round then think ahead and ask your opponents to play prior to the last date of play. We ask that all players invoke the Maccabi spirit and go out of their way to assist their opponents and get the match scheduled. If your partner is sick or injured that is unfortunate and you may be forced to play 2 against 1.
- If teams are unable to arrange the match prior to the specified round completion date the winner will be the team available to play on the last permissible day of play. If neither team is available on the last day of play, the winner will be decided by a coin toss conducted by the referee. The team named higher on the draw will be Heads – the other team will be Tails.
- Match Referee is Richard Lew. Email richard@lewco.com.au Mob: 0419 507757
- Results:
 - The due date for the communication of results to the Match Referee is 9pm on the day the round is to be completed.
 - The results must be sent by email or text to Richard Lew
 - If no result is provided or if no advice of a walkover is communicated to the Match Referee by the players by the due date the match will be decided by coin toss by the Match Referee. The team named higher on the draw will be Heads – the other team will be Tails.
 - The Swart Cup earns Order Of Merit (OOM) points for men and Ladies. (refer to the OOM competition rules for details.)
- Competition Commencement:
 - Entries Close 14th April 2024. The draw for the first round will be posted by 18th April 2024.

Round Completion Dates:

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| ○ Round 1 | 19 th May 2024 |
| ○ Round 2 | 23 rd June 2024 |
| ○ Round 3 | 21 st July 2024 |
| ○ Quarter Finals | 25 th August 2024 |
| ○ Semi Finals | 13 th October 2024 |
| ○ Final | 17 th November 2024 |

Handicap Calculations:

1. Each player is to determine his daily handicap based on his GA Handicap and the daily Slope rating of the course they are playing on the day of the match.
2. All matches are to be played from the club allocated tee of the day. For men these are usually black, blue or white. Some courses offer yellow tees in addition to their regular men's tees. These are not considered the tees of the day unless they are the ONLY men's tee available on the day of play and are not to be used by any player. Only women may use the red tees.
3. The player with the lowest playing handicap (Player A) is to play the competition off scratch (Handicap =0). All players with a higher playing handicap than Player A (Players B, C & D) are

to subtract the playing handicap of Player A from their own playing handicap and play off that handicap. For example: Player A has a playing handicap of 10, each player is to reduce their playing handicap by 10 and play off that reduced number.

4. The holes where Players B,C & D get strokes are determined by the Matchplay Index of the course (not the Stroke Index). Where the course does not have a Matchplay Index, take advice from the starter at that course and play in accordance with that advice.
5. The better net score from each team is used to determine the winner of each hole. Each hole is scored as a win, a loss or as halved. The total number of wins is tallied to determine the winning team.
6. If the match is all square at the end of 18 holes, sudden death playoff holes are played until one team wins a hole. That team wins the match. The first playoff hole is the next hole in order of play. If you started on the first your first playoff hole will be Hole 1. If you started on the 10th, Hole 10 will be your first playoff hole.

Disputes:

Any dispute before, during or after a match should be referred to the Match Referee (Richard Lew) for consideration. The Match Referee may refer disputes to the Match Committee if he deems it appropriate. The decisions by the Match Referee and/or the Match Committee shall be final.

Privacy:

An online spreadsheet will be created to communicate with Maccabi members. The sheet may include

- the nominated contact details for communication for the purposes of running this competition,
- Golfink numbers,
- match results and
- other relevant information.

Entrants agree to their information being handled in this manner.

Etiquette and other Matters:

When conceding putts (or holes) to an opponent be clear and concise. If you are in doubt, do not pick up your ball until after you have asked your opponent if he is conceding the putt to you.

Individual score cards cannot be kept for entering for handicapping as the competition allows for advice during the round which would disqualify an individual score. To speed up play it is customary practice for players to pick up their ball once it is impossible for them to better their partner's score or to better or halve their opponent's score.

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