

Men's Matchplay Competition 2024



Rules

What is the Competition?

This is a standard Stroke Matchplay competition.

The competition is played by two players against each other. Handicaps and scoring apply as per a normal Matchplay competition. The winner of each hole is the player with the lower net stroke score. If each player's net stroke score is the same, the hole is halved. The winner of the most holes wins. If the score is even after the scheduled 18 holes, additional holes are to be played until the deadlock is broken. This is done in a 'sudden death' manner – first to win a hole wins.

Who can Enter?

- This competition is a Men Only competition.
- All entrants must be financial (including sponsorship) or life members of the Maccabi Golf Club at the time of entry.
- All entrants must have a valid GA handicap at the time of playing each round.
- The competition will accommodate a maximum of 64 players
- Entries close on April 21st 2024 at 5pm

How will the competition be run?

Players are to arrange their matches as follows:

- The Committee will determine the draw.
- Choice of venue: Matches can be played at any venue that the players can agree on. The only proviso is that the venue must have a Slope Rating.
 - If a venue cannot be agreed on, the player which played the previous round 'away' from their home club can choose the venue. If both players 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 player may choose the venue. The player named higher on the draw will be Heads – the other player will be Tails.
- Costs of playing: Where players decide to play at a course where one or both players are charged a green fee, the green fees are to be borne equally by both players.
- Responsibility to arrange: It is encumbered on both players to contact each other as soon as the round starts.
- Cannot play:
 - If a player cannot play the match before the round completion date the other player will win with a Walk-Over.
 - If neither player can play the match before the round completion date the Match Referee will determine the winner by a coin toss. The player named higher on the draw will be Heads – the other player will be Tails.

- **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 is that the player 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 opponent 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.
- 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 Match Referee. The player named higher on the draw will be Heads – the other player will be Tails.
 - The Mens Singles Matchplay earns Order Of Merit (OOM) points. (refer to the OOM competition rules for details.)
 - The winner of the Mens Singles Matchplay earns automatic selection into the Victorian Presidents Cup Team
- Competition Commencement:
- Entries Close 21st April 2024. The draw for the first round will be posted by 28th April 2024.
- **Round Completion Dates:**

○ Round 1	2 nd June 2024
○ Round 2	14 th July 2024
○ Round 3	18 th August 2024
○ Quarter Finals	22 nd September 2024
○ Semi Finals	27 th October 2024
○ Final	1 st December 2024
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Handicap Calculations:

- Each player is to determine his daily handicap based on his GA Handicap and the daily Slope rating of the course and tees they are playing on the day of the match.
- The player with the lower handicap (Player A) is to play the competition of scratch (Handicap =0). The player with the higher handicap (Player B) is to subtract the handicap of Player A from his own handicap and he plays off that handicap.
- The holes where Player B gets strokes are determined by the Matchplay rating of the course (not the stroke rating). Where the course does not have a Matchplay rating, take advice from the starter at that course and play in accordance with that advice.

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. The members of the Match Committee will be appointed by the Maccabi Golf Club Committee.

Etiquette and other Matters:

All R & A Rules of Golf (for match play) apply. All contestants should be familiar with the rules and the penalties for the breaching thereof before playing. Individual score cards cannot be kept or entered for handicapping as the competition allows for concessions and uncompleted holes.

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.

This competition accrues order of Merit points. The winner of the competition gains automatic selection into the Victorian Presidents' Cup Team.

To speed up play it is customary practice for players to pick up their ball once it is impossible for them to halve the hole.

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.