



2026 INTER-DISTRICT MATCHPLAY TERMS OF COMPETITION



Eligibility

- Handicap range – Maximum GA 24 (full difference to apply for handicap matches).
- A player's eligibility to compete for a district is determined by the district where the player is handicapped.
- Age is limited to 18 years and over.

Conditions of Play

- Teams shall consist of 12 players with 6 to play **Off the Stick** and 6 to play full handicap difference.
- Changes to the nominated team, must be advised the day **before** play commences, specifically handicap range.
- Handicap range for **Off the Stick** is + to 12 GA, for handicap Matchplay it is 12.1 - 24 GA.
- The indexing of the golf course (whether the balanced index – as per the WGA handbook or some other index) is up to the host district to decide.
- Teams shall play in order of handicap with the lowest markers to tee off first.
- No match shall proceed past the 18th hole.
- Team lists must be handed to the Starter and opposing Captain, fifteen (15) minutes before play begins. Team lists **must** include handicaps.
- The Rules of Golf and the local rules of the host club are to apply.
- Mobile phones are permitted to be used only as distance measuring devices (i.e. the use of a Golf GPS App that provides distance only). Phones must be on silent or turned off however, may only be used to make phone calls in the event of an on-course emergency.
- All protests must be lodged with the Match Committee in writing **within 30 minutes of the completion of play**. The Match Committee's decision is final. Match Committee on the day of play consists of both Team Captains and a representative for each district.
- Players with a medical certificate or over the age of 65 may use a motorised cart. Any caddy may use a motorised cart.
- Giving of Advice: Refer to Rule of Golf 33-1. The committee may, in the conditions of a team competition, permit each team to appoint one person to give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of that team. A professional golfer may be appointed a team captain but may not be a caddy. Penalty – disqualification.
- Points will be allocated as follows:
 - Individual win 1 point / Individual square ½ point.
 - Winning team 2 points / Team square 1 point.
 - In the event of a tie, a count back will be taken over matches won.