2022 Atlanta Challenge Cup – Match Play FAQs

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What is Match Play?

A hole-by-hole competition
You either win, lose, or tie each hole played.
Whomever has the lowest # of strokes for the hole wins that hole
You can have a bad or blow up hole and still win!

Example:
Player A has **10 strokes** on the hole & Player B has **3 strokes** – **Player B wins the hole**
Player A has **4 strokes** on the hole & Player B has **3 strokes**, but has to GIVE Player A 2 strokes on that hole – **Player A wins the hole**

If opponents have the same score for the hole - **you tie or "push"** that hole
When one player has won more holes than remain to be played, you've won the match and get 1 Point!

Example:
Player 1 is up by (ahead) 4 holes with only 3 left to play – Player1 wins the match

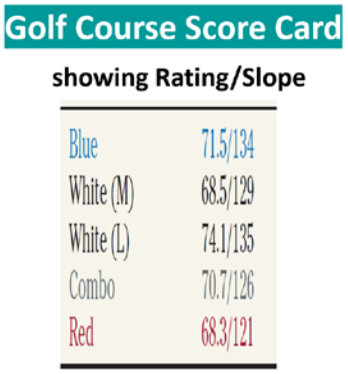
What is a Course Handicap anyway?

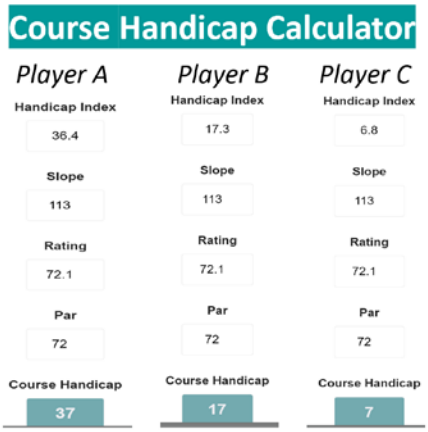
It is a measure of how difficult a golf course is so that players of different skills/handicaps can normalize their scores and play against each other fairly.
Note: Higher number = harder course

How do I determine my Course Handicap (sometimes listed as CH)?

1) You must have or know your Golf Handicap Index (via LPGAA or other tool)
2) You must enter course data – **Rating** (1st small number) & **Slope** (2nd number w/out decimal) – Both found on golf scorecard for the tees you are playing (Red, White, Combo, etc.)

Example:





How does a LOWER Handicapper play a HIGHER Handicapper, and *how is that fair*?

Each player finds or calculates their Course Handicap (see Player A, B, C above) to see who GIVES or GETS strokes for the match

The pressure is often on the lower handicapper because they have to GIVE a lot of strokes and still play very well to beat a higher handicapper.

Examples:

Player A – CH 37
Player C – CH 7
Player C must GIVE Player A 30 strokes in the match.
Conversely Player A GETS 30 strokes

Player B – CH 17
Player C – CH 7
Player C must GIVE Player A 10 strokes in the match.

Player B – CH 17
Player A – CH 37
Player B must GIVE Player A 20 strokes in the match.

Ok, so how do I keep score?

Keep score hole by hole for yourself and tell commissioner final MATCH score.
Please keep or send a copy of your score card in case of tie break

1) Hole by Hole Score (during match)

		Scores																				
Sorenstam Group		**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**Out**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**In**	**Tot**
Player 1 Hole Score		8	5	5	5	3	5	6	7	6	50	9	5	6	8	4	8	4	9	7	60	**110**
Player 2 Hole Score		5	6	4	6	3	7	4	7			6	5	6	5	4	4	4	5	6	45	
Player 1 Match Score			+1		+1	-	+1		-	+1	+1		+1	-								
Player 2 Match Score		+1		+1		-		+1	-			+1			+1	E	+1	-	+2	-	Winner	

2) Match Score (templates provided; send to commissioner)

Webb Group

Players	Handicap *As of XXX	Source	Player4	Player1	Player2	Player 3	Total W	Total L	Total T	Group Points	Grp Rank
Player1	16.0	GHIN	8&6		Tie	1&1	2	0	1	2.5	**1**
Player2 (Low Handicapper)	7.6	GHIN	6&5	Tie		6&5	2	0	1	2.5	**2**
Player3 (High Handicapper)	37.0	Golfnet		1&1	6&5		1	2	0	1	3
Player4	30.3	Golfnet		8&6	6&5		0	3	0	0	4
							1	0	0.5		

* Please verify Handicaps & Course Handicaps for yourself!

W-Win; L-Loss; T-Tie; F-Forfeit
W-1 pt; L-0 pt; T-0.5 pt; F-0 pt

Course Handicap Example:	**Calculated Course Handicap**	
Player 2	10	Player2 Must Give Player3 **29 strokes** for the match
Player 3	39	Player2 Must Give Player3 **2 strokes on the 11 hardest handicaped holes** and **1 stroke all the others**