



## Official How It Works-Rules 2009

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### Overview:

- GolfPlayChallenge.com is essentially the online database/clubhouse for a season long golf tournament. This site is where teams register and scores are submitted while the actual play takes place with each 2-man team competing against any other team, anywhere, anytime. It's designed to be user-friendly, flexible, and a tool for friendly and fun competition.
  - Teams can register and begin playing at any point during the season.
  - **Teams are responsible for scheduling their own matches. GolfPlayChallenge does not determine when teams should play. Teams can choose who they play, when they play, and where they play.**
  - GolfPlayChallenge.com has been designed to assist in the scheduling of matches but it is ultimately the teams' responsibility to use the tools we've provided to contact one another and schedule matches.
  - GolfPlayChallenge.com will not assess a charge or fee to teams.
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### Teams/Format:

- Each 2-man team must consist of the same two players in every match. No substitutes.
- Each 2-man team can consist of any combination of gender.
- A match consists of one 2-man team competing against another 2-man team. Both teams must be registered with GolfPlayChallenge.com in order to submit a score.
- Team "handicaps" will not be used. Instead a team Skill Rating will be used for information purposes only. Teams should use these Skill Ratings to identify which team they might be best suited to play.
- Teams are allowed to play/challenge any team they wish.
- The format for GolfPlayChallenge is two parts:
  1. Matches must be played in a "**scramble**" format where each 2-man team uses the "best ball" out of the two team members on every stroke. In a scramble, each player tees off on each hole. The best of the tee shots is selected and both players from a team play their second shots from that spot (within one club length and no closer to the hole). The best of the second shots is determined, then both play their third shots from that spot, and so on until the ball is holed.
  2. Teams must also follow a "**match play**" format where teams compete against another to win individual holes (using the scramble format), with the team winning the most holes claiming the match. Whichever team takes the least amount of strokes on a certain hole (using the scramble format) wins that hole and receives 1 match point. Whichever team has the greatest amount of points at the end of 18 holes wins the match.
- Teams must keep track of each hole and should agree on the final score after each match including holes won, lost, and tied. **One member of the winning team from each match must report the score online at GolfPlayChallenge.com.**
- If a match results in a tie (9-9), teams must determine which team won the #1 handicap hole (as determined by the scorecard) and that team wins the match. If the #1 handicap hole resulted in a tie, teams must look at the #2 handicap hole and so forth until a winner is determined. Teams should then report that score to GolfPlayChallenge.com as a final score of 10-8, not 9-9.
- Teams must count every stroke. No mulligan's.



- The same two teams can play each other a maximum of five times. After five score submittals of the same two-team challenge, neither team gets credit for the sixth.
- **Matches can be played at any golf course**, however, teams that submit a score from a match played at one of our five Partner Courses will each receive 5 bonus points for that match.
- GolfPlayChallenge.com will update scores based on 18 holes of play per match. In other words, if teams are only able to complete 12 holes due to rain or other circumstances, each team receives a tie on the remaining 6 holes. If teams decide to only play 9 holes, GolfPlayChallenge.com will automatically give each team a tie score for the remaining 9 holes.

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## Scoring/Rankings:

- Overall rankings will be calculated with the formula below. The higher the team's weighted score, the higher the team's ranking.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Total points earned from matches played} \div \text{\# of matches played} \\ + \\ \text{Bonus points earned} \\ = \\ \text{Weighted Score} \end{array}$$

- Teams earn points after submitting a score from a match based on the following established points schedule:
  - **Each Match Won** 100 pts.
  - **Each Hole Won** 2 pts.
  - **Each Hole Tied** 1 pt.

**Bonus Points:**

  - **Each Match Played bonus** 10 pts. (earned by both teams that participated in the match)
  - **Partner Course bonus** 5 pts. (earned by both teams that submit a score from a match played at one of the five Partner Courses)
- Submitted scores, new rankings, and other statistics will be updated regularly. If teams notice a problem or discrepancy in a certain score or statistic they should contact GolfPlayChallenge.com using the "Contact" portion of the website. GolfPlayChallenge.com will review the discrepancy and notify the team(s) of the final result.

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## Terms/Conditions:

- GolfPlayChallenge.com reserves the right to review all submitted Team Names and act on them accordingly. GolfPlayChallenge.com will either ask the team to change an inappropriate name or, in some instances, will disqualify the team for the remainder of the season.



- GolfPlayChallenge.com reserves the right to monitor and adjust a team's Skill Rating if we feel it doesn't properly represent the teams actual abilities. If a Skill Rating is adjusted GolfPlayChallenge.com will notify the team of the change.
- GolfPlayChallenge.com has created these rules in the best interest of the players and reserves the right to adjust as necessary at any time.
- The membership in and use of GolfPlayChallenge.com is free. Players are responsible for the costs of their rounds of golf to participate.

Note: GolfPlayChallenge.com does not promote or encourage gambling of any kind and believes it threatens the integrity of the game. Any such activities will disqualify a team from the season's play.