

Match Rule Sheet

1. **Match Format:** Four-Ball Match Play (Match 1 – Scratch, Matches 2-3 – Net)
2. **Tees:** The first two matches play from approximately 6,800 yards while the remaining two matches play from approximately 6,500 yards. All yardages are subject to course availability. Yardages can be adjusted based on various weather conditions. All changes must be communicated to the opposing team's captain.
3. **Scoring:** A total of four (4) 4 Four-Ball Match Play matches are combined for an overall team match. The front 9 is 1 point, back 9 worth 1 point, and the 18-hole match total worth 1 point. Ties are worth half the available points. Each four-ball match is worth 3 points, the overall match day is worth 12 points.
4. **Handicaps for League Play Matches:** Each player will establish a TXLP Index based on the players' Low Handicap Index from the previous calendar year. This index will be used for the duration of Texas League Play's regular season and ensuing playoffs. The players' TXLP index will be adjusted 90% based on course rating/slope and tees being played.
5. **Handicap Allowance:** Match handicaps will be established based on the low man in the group. For example, if Player A is a 2 TXLP index, Player B a 4 TXLP index, Player C a 6 TXLP index, and Player D an 8 TXLP index, the strokes will be distributed as follows. Player A, being the low man in the group, will get 0 strokes, Player B will get 2 strokes, Player C will get 4 strokes, and Player D will get 6 strokes.
6. **Advice Giver:** Under Rule 24.4(a), each team may appoint **one person** who may give advice to members of that team. If the designated person is playing in a match, he may not give advice (other than to his partner) until his match is complete.
7. **Winner:** The team which earns 6.5 or more points is declared the overall match winner and will be credited with a win on their conference record, while the losing side gets a loss.
8. **Ties:** If a match is tied 6-6, it is declared a tie. There is no playoff required for regular season matches.
9. **Scoring/ Official Results:** The winning team captain is responsible for submitting the match results via the portal. Scores and match results are considered final once confirmed with the TGA. All disputes must be resolved before the match results are posted to the Team Captain Portal. If different / incorrect results show in the portal, it is the team captain's responsibility to contact the TGA immediately to review the results.
10. **Rules of Play:** The Rules of Golf, Texas League Play Policies & Procedures, and the Host Club's Local Rules will govern play. Host Club Local Rules must be made available to all visiting clubs.