

CWDGA MATCH PLAY - 2026

Our Match Play tournament is an ongoing event that takes place throughout the season, played under USGA rules for “match play”. The field is divided into flights, according to the April 15th index. All matches are played at scratch with no strokes given, just like our regular events. All play will be from the forward tees or designated ladies’ tees. Match play matches should be played as a twosome only. This prevents another player in the group that would be an “outside agent” to affect play. It is recommended that players share a cart, in the interest of good sportsmanship, but this is not required if players should choose to ride separately. Each flight will consist of eight players. Byes may be necessary if the flight is not full. We will try to make the flights as close in index as possible.

In the past, most clubs have waived the greens fees for the visiting player as this is a sanctioned CWDGA event. We encourage all clubs to support this event. If a club chooses not to waive the fees, the ladies from such club will be ineligible to participate in match play. No caddies are allowed and the cart fee will be split between the two players.

Seeding within a bracket is determined by index as well. The first match location will be determined by a coin toss. The match play coordinator will be the coin tosser. The winner of the coin toss has the option to play at her home course, or to play away at the opponent’s course. No matter where the match is played, the winner of the coin toss is deemed to have had home course advantage, and therefore, should she win that match, and her second opponent lost her first coin toss, the second opponent will then have the option to play home or away. If her second opponent won the initial coin toss also, a coin is tossed again to determine who chooses the course for the second match. It is not where you played the match, it is whether or not you won the last coin toss. This procedure is repeated for the remaining matches.

The brackets will be available to view on the CWDGA website. Also, you will receive an email getting you started with who to contact for your first match. You may receive an email with your entire match play bracket showing all participants. Please call Match Play Chairperson Kelly Cains at (704)-491-8183 or email kellycains@gmail.com to report your match results. The winner of the match is responsible for reporting the result within 24 hours of the match being played. As soon as your opponent for the next match is known, you will be notified.

The schedule for completion is:

1st Match - Start when flighting is available

Deadline- May 31th

2nd Match – Start June 1st

Deadline- July 20th

3rd Match – Start July 21st

Deadline- September 30th