

BEST BALL ALTERNATE SHOT MATCH PLAY

1a The game is played with a golf putter, golf balls, a lawn bowls jack and black golf hole sized disc

1b The game is played on a lawn bowls green

1c Participants must use a coloured or marked golf ball that can be identified

2a Play is undertaken in pairs with teams of pairs playing against each other

2b A coin toss will decide which player or team sets the jack, the position to be played from at each end is set by the player or team who rolls out the jack. The jack is then placed on the centre of the black hole sized disc. If the team that sets the jack rolls it into the gutter the opposition has a chance to position the jack for that end by rolling it out. If it too goes into the gutter it is placed on the last line short of the gutter in the middle of the rink. All jacks and discs should be centred in the rink.

2c The aim of the game is to hit a golf ball with a putter and dislodge the jack which is sitting on the black golf hole sized disc

2d In Best Ball matchplay each player on each team plays their first putt and then the team mates decide which is the best positioned ball for the next putt. The player whose putt was not used on the first putt then hits the second putt and they then play alternate shot until the jack is dislodged from the disc

2e In matchplay the score is determined on a hole by hole basis with a team winning a hole if they have less putts than the opposition team. Both teams having the same number of putts the hole is halved.

3b After the first putts from each player or team, the player or team furthest from the jack plays next, if they dislodge the jack from the disc, they have completed that end. The jack is then replaced back on to the black disc and other players putt out.

3c The player or team taking the highest number of putts at each end or who loses the end sets the jack position and then putts after the opposition

4a The playing area is between the marked lines or boundaries of the lane, all areas outside of these lines including the gutter are deemed to be Out of Bounds. If a ball comes to rest outside the playing area and has gone out of bounds the player places the ball as near as possible to where it last crossed the boundary under one stroke penalty. If a ball goes Out of Bounds via the gutter it can be placed within one club length of the gutter and played under one stroke penalty.

4b The game is played over a set number of ends (usually 7), if a pair has won more ends than there are left to play the game is over. For example one team has won three ends, halved two and there are two ends left, the match has been won 3/2.

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