

**NEBRASKA GOLF ASSOCIATION
TEAM MATCH RULES OF PLAY
(SUMMARIZED)**

The NGA Team Interclub Program involves both Four-Ball and Singles match play. Because of this, certain special rules apply and are summarized herein, together with other reminders peculiar to match play.

RULE 30. "...Four-Ball Match Play."

Definitions. "Four-Ball: A match in which two play their better ball against the better ball of two other players."

RULE 30-1. Rules of Golf Apply. The Rules of Golf, so far as they are not at variance with the following special Rules, shall apply to Four-Ball matches.

RULE 30-3. Four-Ball Match Play.

A. Representation of Side. A side may be represented by one partner for all or any of a match; all partners need not be present. An absent partner may join a match between holes, but not during play of a hole.

B. Maximum of Fourteen Clubs. The side shall be penalized for breach of Rule 4-4 by any partner.

C. Order of Play. Balls belonging to the same side may be played in the order the side considers best.

D. Wrong Ball. If a player plays a stroke with a wrong ball he shall be disqualified for that hole, but his partner incurs no penalty even if the wrong ball belongs to him. The owner of the ball shall replace it on the spot from which it was played, without penalty. If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

E. Disqualification of Side.

(1) A side shall be disqualified for a breach of any of the following by any partner:

Rule 1-3 -- Agreement to Waive Rules

Rule 4-1, -2 or -3 -- Clubs

Rule 5-1, or -2 -- The Ball

Rule 6-2a -- Handicap (playing off higher handicap)

Rule 6-4 -- Caddie

Rule 6-7 -- Undue Delay (repeated offense)

Rule 14-3 -- Artificial Devices/Unusual Equipment

(2) A side shall be disqualified for a breach of any of the following by both partners:

Rule 6-3 -- Time of Starting and Groups

Rule 6-8 -- Discontinuance of Play

F. Effect of Other Penalties. If a player's breach of a rule assists his partners or adversely affects an opponent's play, the partner incurs the applicable penalty in addition to any penalty incurred by the player.

In all other cases where a player incurs a penalty for breach of a Rule, the penalty shall not apply to his partner. When the penalty is stated to be loss of hole, the effect shall be to disqualify the player for that hole.

G. Another Form of Match Played Concurrently. In a Four-Ball match when another form of match is played concurrently, the above special Rules shall apply.

OTHER RULE REMINDERS:

CONCESSION OF NEXT STROKE, HOLE OR MATCH.

NOTE: A concession of the next stroke, hole or match, by any player is binding on both the individual and four-ball match. **BEFORE MAKING ANY CONCESSION**, the player should consider the implication of the concession on his individual match **AND** the four-ball match.

A player may elect to not finish a hole. If a player so elects, this has no effect on the four-ball match. His partner may continue to represent the side in the four-ball match. However, it is important that the player who wishes to not finish a hole simply state that he is "disqualifying himself", rather than conceding the hole, since a "concession" of the hole is binding on the four-ball match.

A concession may not be declined or withdrawn.

RULE 14-2. ASSISTANCE

In making a stroke, a player shall not:

Accept physical assistance or protection from the elements, or

Allow his caddie, his partner or his partner's caddie to position himself on or close to an extension of the line of play or the line of putt behind the ball.

Penalty for Breach of Rule 14-2: Match play — Loss of hole

RULE 3-3 DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE. There is no provision in match play that allows for the play of a second ball if a player is in doubt of his rights or

procedure. (This Rule does not prohibit play of a Provisional Ball under RULE 27-2).

RULE 2-5 CLAIMS. In match play, if a doubt or dispute arises between the players and no duly authorized representative of the committee is available within a reasonable time, the players shall continue the match without delay. Any claim, if it is to be considered by the committee **MUST** be made before **ANY** player in the match plays from the next teeing ground or, in the case of the last hole of the match, before **ALL** players in the match leave the putting green.

No later claim shall be considered unless it is based on facts previously unknown to the player making the claim **AND** the player making the claim had been given wrong information (Rules 6-2a and 9) by an opponent. In any case, no later claim shall be considered after the result of the match has been officially announced, unless the committee is satisfied that the opponent knew he was giving wrong information.

PROCEDURE FOR A VALID CLAIM.

(1) For a claim to be valid, the claimant **MUST** indicate the facts he believes give rise to the claim **AND MUST ALSO** indicate that he wants the Rules of Golf applied. He must do both within the time required by Rule 2-5. For example, Rule 1-1e prohibits putting from a stance astride an extension of the line of putt behind the ball. In a match between A and B, if A putts from a stance astride an extension of the line and B states “that is not allowed, you are penalized” or “I’m making a claim because of that stroke” the committee should uphold the claim.

(2) Statements by B such as “I’m not sure that’s allowed” or “I don’t think you can do that” do not by themselves constitute a valid claim because each statement does not contain **BOTH** a reference to the facts giving rise to the claim and a desire to have the Rules of Golf applied.