



Things To Know About Match Play

(From the Rules of Golf)

2-1. General - Match Play

A match consists of one Side playing against another over a stipulated round.

2-4. Concession of Match, Hole or Next Stroke

A player may concede his opponent's next stroke at any time, provided the opponent's ball is at rest. The opponent is considered to have holed out with his next stroke, and the ball may be removed by either Side.

A concession may not be declined or withdrawn.

Decision 2-4/6 Putting Out After Concession of Stroke

Rule 2-4 does not cover the question of whether a player may putt out after his next stroke has been conceded. A player incurs no penalty for holing out in such circumstances. However, if the act would be of assistance to a partner in a four-ball or best-ball match, the partner is, in equity (Rule 1-4), disqualified for the hole.

2-5. Doubt as to Procedure; Disputes and Claims

In Match Play, if a doubt or dispute arises between the players, a player may make a claim. The claim must be made before any partner in the match plays from the next teeing ground or, in the case of the last hole of a match, before all players in the match leave the putting green.

8-1. Advice

During a stipulated round, a player must not:

- (a) give advice to anyone in the competition playing on the course other than his partner, or
- (b) ask for advice from anyone other than his partner, or either of their caddies.

8-2. Indicating Line of Play

a. Other Than on Putting Green

Except on the putting green, a player may have the line of play indicated to him by anyone, but no one may be positioned by the player on or close to the line or an extension of the line beyond the hole while the stroke is being made.

b. On the Putting Green

When the player's ball is on the putting green, the player, his partner or either of their caddies may, before but not during the stroke, point out a line for putting, but in so doing the putting green must not be touched. A mark must not be placed anywhere to indicate a line for putting.

Penalty for Breach of Rule:

Match Play - Loss of hole