

2026 Guidelines for Individual and Team Match Play

This is a PREMIER EVENT! CASH PAYOUTS at the end of the season. Team and Individual trophies will also be awarded to the champions!

Individual Match play is limited to all returning LTMGC members who sign-up during the registration window (March 20th thru March 29th). Team Match Play is limited to all returning member/member teams that sign up during the registration window (March 20th thru March 29th).

Match Play season for 2026 will be on a somewhat condensed timeline to accommodate Lone Tree Cup points being included for winners. Participants will need to pay close attention to round completion deadline dates. If you are planning an extended vacation during the season, please do not signup.

Playing Handicap allowance for Team Match Play is 90%. Team handicaps are limited. The higher handicap player on a team is limited to a Playing Handicap of no more than 10 strokes higher than the lower handicap player.

Each player will play from the tee box he requested in his 2026 LTMGC membership registration.

Match Play uses tournament handicaps which are modeled after the World Handicap System and automatically adjusted for players competing from different sets of tees. The latest tournament handicaps can be found here: <http://www.ltmgc.com/pages/handicaps/tournamentHandicaps.html>

Tournament Handicaps are updated after each LTMGC tournament. Matches are played by “Wheeling Off” the lowest handicap player of the match, e.g. if you are a 10 and the low handicap player is a 7, then you get 3 strokes on the three lowest handicap holes. For Team Match Play, just use the **90% column of the Handicap Report** for your **90% Playing Handicap (subject to the 10 stroke cap)**.

Key Dates

Friday 3/18-3/29: Golf Genius Online Registration Begins

Wednesday 4/1: Any registrants who have not paid by this date will be removed from Match Play.

Entry Fees:

Individual Match Play \$50.00

Team Match Play (per team) \$100.00

- **All fees must be received in the LTMGC Treasurer account by Wednesday April 1st or you will not be included in this event.**
- **No refunds will be given to participants who lose their first-round match.**

Payment Addresses:

Zelle: treasurer@ltmgc.com

Check make payable to: LTMGC
c/o Dean Asselborn
8197 S. Wabash Ct
Centennial. CO 80112

Do not take Match Play checks to the pro shop. We will not be collecting payments from the pro shop for 2025.

Rules

1. No Consolation Bracket, single elimination tournament.
2. Match results will be posted on the Match Play Golf Genius portal. Please work with your next round opponents to schedule matches as soon as the information is available to you.
3. Email Match Play Chairpersons Shawn Brown and Paul Pronsati (sbrown1026@comcast.net and pp925847@yahoo.com) the results of each match so it can be documented. Please copy your match play opponent on the email sent to Shawn and Paul.
4. The match is final upon notifying the committee (Paul and Shawn). The results **MUST** be sent to Paul and Shawn on the same day the match is played. Please

refer to Match Play Rule 3.2 for further clarification:

[http://www.ltmgc.com/pages/tournaments/2026/docs/Excerpt from USGA Rules Rule3.2.pdf](http://www.ltmgc.com/pages/tournaments/2026/docs/Excerpt%20from%20USGA%20Rules%20Rule3.2.pdf)

5. Do not turn in scorecards to the Pro Shop.
6. All match play scores must be entered by the member into GHIN as home scores (not tournament scores).
7. TEAM MATCH PLAY ONLY: Instead of resolving un-played matches via the proverbial coin flips, we encourage the use of SUBSTITUTES (someone not playing as an Individual or Team Member) from our LTMGC Membership with valid handicaps and/or any of the following provisions that apply:
 1. Your substitute must be cleared by the Match Play Chairman.
 2. Have a LTMGC Tournament Handicap within 6 strokes of the player being substituted.
 3. The substitute will incur a TWO (2) STROKE PENALTY/DEDUCTION from his current Tournament Handicap for the match.
 4. It is always an option for a player to compete alone versus the opposing team.
 5. You can ONLY substitute one match up to the quarter finals. No substitutions for quarterfinals or beyond.
8. The desire is to have all matches played within the designated round's time frame. If this does not happen, even with the availability of substitutes, the Match Play Chairman will resort to a coin toss on deadline date. NO EXTENSIONS!
9. Match Play is open to Tournament members with an established LTMGC Tournament Handicap.
**2026 New Members do not qualify to participate in Individual or Team Match Play. **
10. All matches will be played at Lone Tree Golf Course. *Each player will play from their current tournament tee box which is shown on the Tournament Handicap Report.*
11. The handicap reports posted on the website have been calculated for play from mixed tees. Just use your course handicap as listed on the report for the tees you are playing, with no additional adjustment required, if players are competing from different tees.

Important Notes

- Brackets will be established according to handicap.

- The most current LTMGC Tournament Handicaps will apply to all participants and players will wheel off the lower / lowest handicap player in the match. Check the website) for the appropriate strokes and adjust the card before teeing off.
- Individual matches will be played at 100% of course handicap wheeled off the low handicap per Appendix C of the USGA handicap system manual.
- Team matches will be played at 90% of course handicap wheeled off the low handicap in the group per Appendix C of the USGA handicap system manual.
- Once the match has been decided, enter the score you scored on each hole or if leave the course, do not enter a score for the holes you did not play (see rule 3 of the WHS rule manual).

Individual Match Play Portal:

Team Match Play Portal:

Match Play Round Completion Dates		
Round	Singles	Team
Round of 128	Sun May 10	N/A
Round of 64	Sun May 31	Sun May 17
Round of 32	Sun Jun 21	Sun Jun 14
Sweet 16	Sun Jul 19	Sun Jul 19
Elite 8 (Quarters)	Sun Aug 16	Sun Aug 16
Final 4 (Semis)	Sun Sep 06	Sun Sep 06
Championship	Sun Sep 20	Sun Sep 20

Member/Guest Jun 19-21

Mem/Mem
Jul 18-19

Lone Tree
Cup-Oct 4