

BAY AREA PINSEEKERS
2018 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
(Coordinator: David Geary)

1. The winner of this **double-elimination match play tournament** will be designated as **“Match Play Champion.”**
2. **All club members are eligible to participate.** Players sign up by submitting an e-mail **and a \$20 entry fee (payable to Bay Area Pinseekers)** to the Coordinator **by February 16**; matches will normally begin by mid-March each year. No players will be added once play begins. **Bracket assignments will be randomly drawn.** If 16 or fewer entries are received, only one bracket will be used; if more than 16 entries are received, multiple independent brackets as close to equal size will be established.
3. **Matches will be played using handicaps as they exist at the time of the match.** Strokes will be assigned based on the **difference between the players’ course handicaps.** For example, if a “20” plays a “12,” the “20” will be assigned strokes on the 8 most difficult holes; the other 10 holes will be played “straight up,” with no strokes assigned to either player. If both players have the same course handicap, obviously NO strokes would be assigned to either player. **In all male vs. female matches,** course handicaps shall be determined per **Sections 3-5a & b of the USGA Handicap Manual.**
4. **All entrants must play in at least FOUR regular stroke play tournaments during the calendar year (i.e. comply with By-law section 3F).**
5. **All “early round” matches shall be played at courses mutually agreed-upon by the competitors.** In matches at these courses, men shall play from tees which measure as close to 6000 yards as possible. **Women may play from the same tees,** but have the option of playing from tees as close to 5500 yards as possible.
6. **All OTHER matches shall be played at Poppy Ridge Golf Course.** This includes all matches which may directly determine a Bracket winner, as well as the tournament’s semi-final and final matches. In these matches, men shall play from the white tees; **women may play from either the white or gold tees.**
7. **If any match is tied at the end of 18 holes,** players shall attempt to continue play until a winner is determined (as recommended by USGA rules). Before the start of a match, players shall advise the course staff at check-in that they are playing a match play round. Course staff, however, shall decide **if & when** a match may continue and **which nine** will be played. Handicap strokes shall be applied in the same order as during the prescribed round.
8. **If a winner is unable to be determined after 18 holes** (as in #7 above) **because a course is unable to allow more than 18 holes to be played,** the following process shall be employed:
 - a. scorecards shall be matched, using the “last 9 - last 6 - last 3” method **based on match play scoring comparison WITH handicaps;**
 - b. if no winner can be determined using method “a,” **an additional 18-hole match shall be scheduled & played within two weeks of the initial match;**
 - c. if a winner still cannot be determined, methods a and b shall be alternately employed until a winner IS determined.
9. **Because of the “bracket” nature of this event, matches shall be played by the assigned deadline unless prevented by sudden short term injury or illness** (which shall result in a two-week extension of the deadline). **Any player who must postpone a scheduled match for any other reason** (including long term injury or illness), **preventing its completion by the deadline,** will forfeit the match. **If players**

cannot agree on a course, the match must then be played at Poppy Ridge. A **mutual forfeit** will result when players cannot agree on a date of play.

10. Per the “Rules of Golf”, caddies are allowed, though **ONLY UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS** established by the Committee:

- a. Any player using a caddie shall notify his/her opponent at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of the match.
- b. No caddie may be a playing member of the group observing or accompanying the match.
- c. If a motorized cart is used, opponents shall ride together. A player’s caddie may ride in a separate cart if allowed by the course, or walk the course.
- d. A caddie need not carry a player’s clubs.
- e. If a player’s opponent chooses to walk, the player’s caddie may ride with the player.

11. You must post your score after playing match play events. If a player does not finish a hole or is conceded a stroke, record the most likely score for handicap purposes. A most likely score is the number of strokes already taken, plus in the player’s best judgment, the number of strokes needed to complete the hole from that point more than half the time.

The most likely score should have an “X” preceding the number. For example, player A is just off the green in two strokes, and player A’s partner just holed out for a two, therefore, player A decides to pick up. Player A decides the most likely score would have been to chip on and two putt; therefore, player A will record X-5 on the scorecard (two strokes already taken plus three strokes to complete the hole). Player A does not automatically put down the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) maximum. First, player A determines the most likely score and then after the round checks to see if the most likely score is above the ESC limit. In this case, player A has a Course Handicap of 24 and an ESC maximum of eight. Recording X-5 is not above ESC limit and therefore, X-5 is the score that must be posted for handicap purposes.

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