

PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

The following describes the playoff procedures most frequently used by the Northern California Golf Association. Whichever method is selected for a particular event must be published prior to the competition. The starter reminds all players of the method selected.

<p>A. Match Play Hole-by-hole playoff until one side wins a hole. The playoff shall start on the hole where the match began, but not required. In a handicap match, strokes shall be allowed as in the prescribed round. Currently, we use this method only during the NCGA Team Match Competition.</p> <p>B. Stroke Play 1. Scratch Competitions Hole-by-hole playoffs in all scratch competitions, including qualifying play for California Amateur and USGA events.</p> <p>EXAMPLE: Five players tie for the last two qualifying spots. Player A records a birdie on the first hole; he qualifies. Players B, C and D continue play. Player E records a bogey; he is eliminated.</p> <p>EXAMPLE: If only one spot was available, Player A wins; the others are eliminated.</p>	<p>2. Handicap competitions Hole-by-hole playoffs are also the preferred method in handicap competitions. However, in the qualifiers, it is frequently impossible to get back on the golf course in order to conduct the playoff. In these situations, the NCGA decides ties by using the recommended method of matching scorecards, described in Committee Procedures Section 5a(6), Rules of Golf and on the following page.</p> <p>The winner shall be determined based on the best score for the last nine holes. If the tie still exists, the winner shall be determined based on the last six holes; the last three holes; and finally, the 18th hole. If a tie still exists, repeat the process with the first nine. * If still tied, the tie shall be decided by lot. Because this is a handicap competition, one-half, one-third, one-sixth or one-eighteenth of the handicap should be deducted.</p> <p>NOTE: The definition of the last nine is always 10 thru 18 no matter which nine holes are played first.</p>	<p>Four-Ball competitions In Four-Ball competitions, handicaps have already been applied in the better ball score for the side and there is no need to further consider them in determining the winner(s).</p> <p>C. Zone Competitions These competitions are unique to the NCGA, and ties are decided by the same method as the championship itself. That is the two best balls of the four players determined in a hole-by-hole playoff. Playoffs are only held when there is a tie for first or second place, and individual handicap strokes are allowed as they fall on the score card. NOTE: If a woman is one of the competitors involved in the playoff, her strokes are applied to the women's handicap stroke allocation.</p> <p>*NCGA may use only the last nine holes depending on the capabilities of USGA TM. Always check with the staff-in-charge for the official tie-break procedure for an event.</p>
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HANDICAP CARD-OFF APPLICATION TABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL NET EVENTS

Course Handicap	9-Holes (1/2 CH)	6-Holes (1/3 CH)	3-Holes (1/6 CH)	Last Hole (1/18 CH)
1	1	0	0	0
2	1	1	0	0
3	2	1	1	0
4	2	1	1	0
5	3	2	1	0
6	3	2	1	0
7	4	2	1	0
8	4	3	1	0
9	5	3	2	1
10	5	3	2	1
11	6	4	2	1
12	6	4	2	1
13	7	4	2	1
14	7	5	2	1
15	8	5	3	1
16	8	5	3	1
17	9	6	3	1
18	9	6	3	1
19	10	6	3	1
20	10	7	3	1
21	11	7	4	1
22	11	7	4	1
23	12	8	4	1
24	12	8	4	1
25	13	8	4	1
26	13	9	4	1
27	14	9	5	2
28	14	9	5	2
29	15	10	5	2
30	15	10	5	2
31	16	10	5	2
32	16	11	5	2
33	17	11	6	2
34	17	11	6	2
35	18	12	6	2
36	18	12	6	2
37	19	12	6	2
38	19	13	6	2
39	20	13	7	2