

2026 Ladies Golf Committee



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Match Play

In Match Play, you compete to see who wins the most holes, so the overall score doesn't matter! A hole may be won, lost or tied. This means you can score 12 on #7 and still have a chance of winning the match!

Your handicap allows you to compete with players who have a lower or higher handicap. The better golfer doesn't have an advantage and matches are often very close.

Somebody wins and somebody loses, that's just the way it works! Prizes are awarded at the end of the season.

Match Play brackets will be posted online and in the ladies' locker room so that you can follow the competition.



Singles Match Play

SINGLES FORMAT

New this year - We are going back to the bracket format for 18 Hole Singles Match Play. However, this year it will be set up as double elimination Match Play. This means that you are guaranteed two matches and if you lose your first match, you still have an opportunity to emerge as the overall winner!

Depending on the interest and the number of sign-ups, there will also be a 9 Hole Singles Match Play and the format to be decided in consultation with the participants

Sign-up instructions will be sent out early in the season for Singles Match Play. Match Play is fun and a chance to meet new ladies and golf with somebody outside your usual playing group. Your handicap allows you to compete with players who have a lower or higher handicap. The better golfer doesn't have an advantage and matches are often very close.

Singles will be seeded by random draw. The results will be posted on the website and on the bulletin board in the ladies locker room.

Deadlines will be firm, so please schedule your matches as soon as possible. It is more fun to win or lose by playing the match than by flipping a coin!

How to Score Match Play

First ensure that you are using the 2026 scorecard as stroke holes have been updated and may not be the same on older versions of the scorecard.

- Sue's handicap is 15 and Mary's handicap is 28
 - Sue must give Mary 13 strokes (28-15)
 - The strokes are given on the Women's Handicap holes 1-13
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- Mark the hole with + for a win, - for a loss and o for a tie hole (This is Sue's card, so the + and - would be reversed on Mary's card)

Scorer:	Attest:																		Date:					
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	INITIALS	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HCP	NET
White	505	155	364	411	314	155	314	350	380	2948		318	346	200	489	301	180	435	317	184	2770	5718		
Men's Handicap	5	17	7	1	15	11	3	13	9			6	8	10	4	16	12	2	14	18				
SUE	5	4	5																				15	
MARY	6	3	7																				28	
	0	-	+																					
Par Men/Women	5	3	4	4/5	4	3	4	4	4	35/36		4	4	3/4	5	4	3	4/5	4	3	34/36	69/72		
Red	404	134	313	358	314	125	314	350	300	2612		240	346	200	400	301	168	385	267	184	2491	5103		
Women's Handicap	7	17	3	9	15	13	1	5	11			10	2	18	12	6	4	16	8	14				

Local Rules

- All penalty areas are marked with red and yellow stakes.
- Lift, rake and place is permitted in all bunkers during casual play. (please rake once complete)

RCGA Official Rules govern all play except where modified by local rules.

Out Of Bounds

- Behind No. 2 Green
- Parking lot and Practice green right of No. 10
- Left of No. 16 fairway
- Cart area behind No. 18 green
- All out of bounds areas marked with white stakes



- Sue scores 5 on #1 and Mary scores 6. Because Sue has to give Mary a stroke, it is a tie hole.
- Sue scores 4 on #2 and Mary scores 3. No strokes are given, so Mary wins the hole
- Sue scores 5 on #3 and Mary scores 7. Sue has to give a stroke which means Mary's 7 becomes a 6, but Sue still wins the hole with her 5.
- The game continues and the player who wins the most holes wins the match!



Doubles Match Play

Sign-up instructions will be sent out early in the season for Doubles Match Play. Sign up with a partner to play! If you don't have a partner, sign up as a single as somebody else may also be looking for a partner. Match Play is fun and a chance to meet new ladies and golf with somebody outside your usual playing group. Your handicap allows you to compete with players who have a lower or higher handicap. The better golfer doesn't have an advantage and matches are often very close.

Doubles teams will be seeded by random draw. Golfers arrange their own matches to suit their schedules.

Deadlines will be firm, so please schedule your matches as soon as possible. It is more fun to win or lose by playing the match than by flipping a coin!

Note: If you are having difficulties scheduling a foursome, there is an option to play the match on your own.

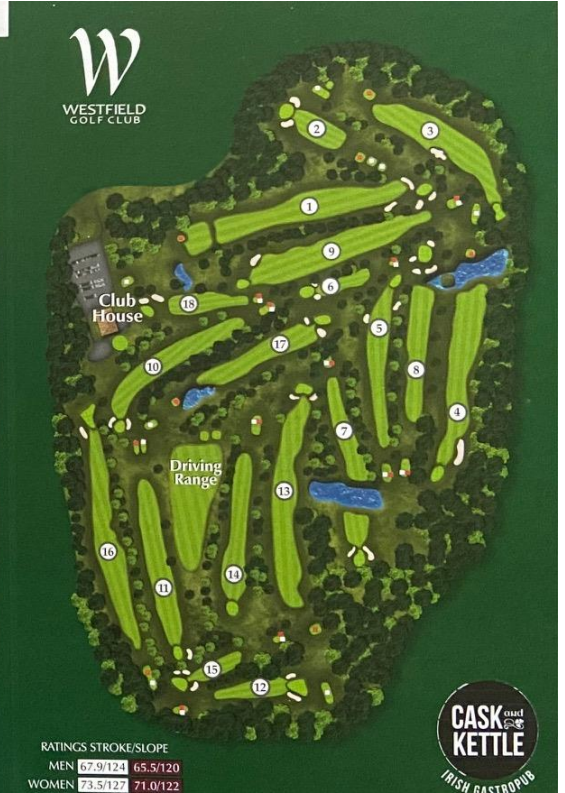
How to Score Doubles Match Play

- In Singles Match Play, the players use a handicap allowance of 100%
- In Doubles Match Play, the players use a handicap allowance of 90% in accordance with The Rules of Golf -Appendix C.
- The player with the lowest handicap gives strokes to the other players, including her partner.
- If Sue is the lowest with a 15 handicap and Mary has a 28 handicap, Sue will have to give Mary 12 strokes ($28-15 = 13$) ($13 \times 90\% = 11.7$) Strokes 0.5 and higher are rounded up. The strokes are given on the Women's Handicap holes #1 to #12.
- Sue will similarly give strokes to the other players in the foursome.

Marking the Scorecard

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JANE	6	4	7	5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	22	
Par Men/Women	5	3	4	4/5	4	3	4	4	4	35/36	4	4	3/4	5	4	3	4/5	4	3	34/36	69/72			
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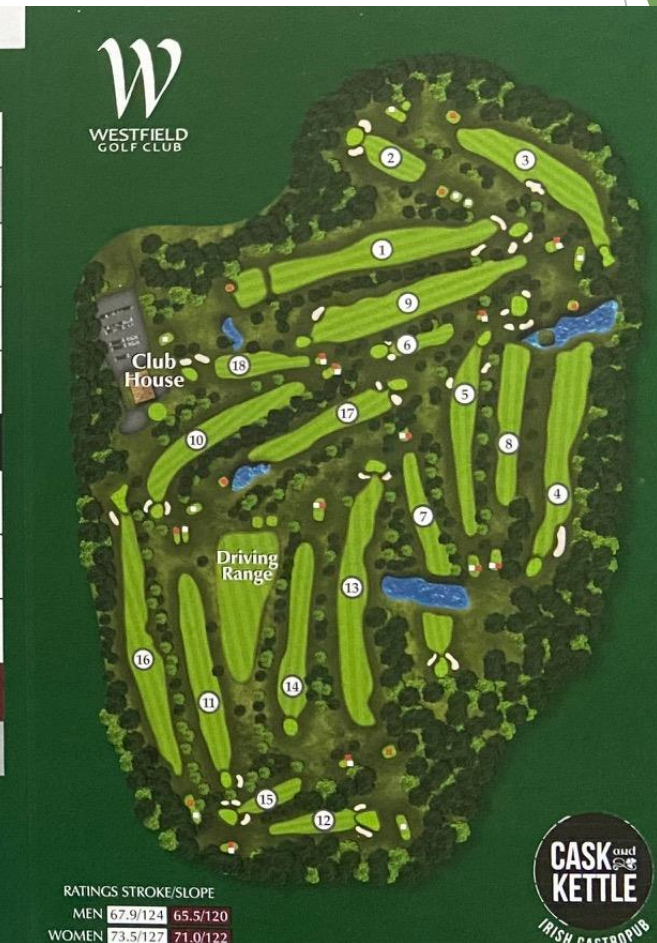


- Team Sue & Mary vs Team Jane & Kate
- Sue must give Mary 12 strokes (28-15) x 90%
- Sue must give Jane 6 strokes (22-15) x 90%
- Sue must give Kate 18 strokes (35-15) x 90%

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- Hole #1 - Sue gives a stroke to Mary, Jane & Kate. It is a tie hole because Jane's 6 becomes a 5.
- Hole #2 - Sue scores 3, but Kate gets a stroke and her 3 becomes a 2. Jane & Kate win the hole.
- Hole #3 - Sue gives a stroke to Mary, Jane & Kate. Sue & Mary win the hole as Mary's 6 becomes a 5.
- Hole #4 - Sue gives a stroke to Mary, Jane & Kate. Sue & Mary win the hole.
- The game continues and the team who wins the most holes wins the match!

- If the match is tied at the end of 18 holes, check in with the pro shop and they will accommodate you in proceeding to #1 for the tiebreaker, sudden death until there is a winner.
- It is customary for the winners to buy a drink for the losers at the end of the round.
- Report the result of your doubles match to Joan and write the winner's name on the chart in the ladies' locker room.

