

## **N.R.D.G Handicapped Match Play Championships 2010**

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Compete against one another in a match play format to determine the fourth annual NRDG match play champion.

**COST: \$20 for the entire event, you are not in the tournament until you pay.**

**WHEN:** Complete your match at your convenience and post your results on the message board and email be a copy of the round results

**The handicap system will be mulligans again this year.**

**Format:** This year's format will be the same as last year's, with a maximum field of 64 players. All players will be seeded into the brackets, similar to NCAA men's basketball, with the winners advancing. The tournament committee will develop the brackets based on the criteria below.

### **PAYOUTS**

TBD after all entrants pay

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Sign ups will end 5/26, the tournament will be completed by the EOY tournament. Round specific dates will be posted on the message board. The play-in round will commence by 5/30.

### **General Rules**

- All golf will be completed using a match play format. Score is kept by winning individual holes, not total score. Player with most holes won wins the match.

- All matches will consist of 18 holes, EXCEPT for the semis and the finals, which will be 36 holes.
- In the event that players are tied at the end of a match, a sudden death playoff will ensue. First player to win a hole outright will be declared the winner.
- **The maximum amount of mulligans a player may receive for a 18 hole match will be 15, regardless of what the handicaps difference is.**
- PDGA and local NRDG rules will be in effect for all matches.
- The 2-meter rule IS NOT IN EFFECT.
- **If players cannot finish a match by the predetermined date a forfeit MAY be declared. THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL MAKE ANY FINAL DETERMINATIONS REGARDING FORFEITS!!!**
- If there is a question of the rules, make a group decision and remember this is fun and be nice.
- MEN WILL PLAY WHITE TEES; LADIES WILL PLAY THE RED TEES (if you want to play the longer tees, the greens at Emery for example, you may as long as both players agree on the change).
- ALL ROUND RESULTS, WHICH WILL INCLUDE TOTAL HOLES WON/LOST FOR EACH PLAYER MUST BE EMAILED TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.
- **The participant's will determine course to be played for each match. The following procedure should be used when determining a course to play:**
  1. **The higher seeded player will select a course of his/her preference**
  2. **The lower seeded player then has the option of accepting that course, or vetoing the initial choice and suggesting another course.**
  3. **If the higher seeded player does not then agree, then the players have two options: either select one of the other 5 NRDG courses to play, or email the tournament and one of those 5 remaining courses will be randomly assigned (please do your best to not have to resort to this option)**
- Tournament Email: nrdgmatchplay@gmail.com

#### **Determining Handicaps (Mulligans)**

- A player's handicap is based on their current PDGA rating.
- A player's handicap is their rating's difference from 1000 and then divided by 10. (For example if player A has a 930 rating, then they would have a 7 handicap. If player B has a 856 rating, their handicap would be a 14). The tournament staff will make each player aware of how many mulligans they are getting or giving for a particular match.
- Handicaps will be updated as the PDGA updates ratings.
- **Players that do not have a PDGA rating will be assigned a handicap based on their Wednesday night division. Amateur players will receive a 12 handicap; open players will receive a 7 handicap.**
- The amount of mulligans a player received will be a maximum of 18 (one per hole) in any given 18-hole match. 36 mulligans maximum for 36 hole matches. In the event of a playoff, a player who has mulligans remaining may choose to use them. A PLAYER WILL NOT RECEIVE ADDITIONAL MULLIGANS IN A PLAYOFF SITUATION.

#### **Explanation of Mulligan System**

- The mulligan system will be used this year, in lieu of the handicap stroke system from last year. For example, if player A was to receive 5 strokes from player B, then player A will have 5 mulligans to use during their match.
- Mulligans may be used at anytime during the round, with one exception:

- **A PLAYER MAY NOT USE MORE THAN ONE MULLIGAN ON ANY SHOT.** To explain, a player may not attempt a particular throw more than twice. Once a player has elected to use a mulligan, they **must** play the result of that mulligan shot.

**Determination of seeding (factors considered)**

- The previous year's winner will be the #1 seed in the tournament (Doug Opiela).
- The following factors will be considered by the tournament committee for seeding purposes
  1. PDGA rating
  2. League results
  3. Knowledge of the players ability by tournament committee members
  4. Fairness of the seeding process
- Players who have never been members of the PDGA, and have ratings assigned based on their league performance, will not be seeded higher than players that have an established rating in the tournament.
- The committee will rank the players after sign-ups have ended.

