

Match Play Option

USGA Rules for Handicap Competitions states that player with the lowest Playing Handicap play at scratch (Playing HCP 0) in match play.

By stroking off the low ball, the higher handicap player(s) receive their handicap strokes on the holes where they need them most – resulting in more holes tied compared to holes won or lost. If players used full Playing Handicaps in match play, the better player would have the advantage on the more difficult holes (because he or she would also be getting strokes) and the other player(s) would have an advantage on the easier holes.

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MakeGolfScorecard upgrade release v5.5 features **Playing HCP Game Format Option** for adjusting Playing Handicaps for match play needs.

PLAY TABLE

Number of Players playing in Flights 6 Playing HCP Game Format

Flight	Player	HCP	Playing	Alt.Tee	
1	Player a1	12	18		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Use Playing HCP </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> Use Playing HCP Stroking off low 4 players Stroking off low 2 players </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px; width: 100px; margin-left: auto;"> Sort HCP </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px; width: 100px; margin-left: auto;"> Sort Selected </div>
	Player b1	3	6		
	Player c1	24	33		
	Player d1	8	13		
2	Player a2	4	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Player c2	19	27	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				<input type="checkbox"/>	

Playing HCP Game Format drop down option selection

- **Use Playing HCP**
 - Used for regular games without any playing HCP adjustments to low HCP.
- **Stroking off low 4 players**
 - All players in each flight are stroking off the lowest player’s HCP of that flight. Simply the lowest HCP of the flight is subtracted from all players in that flight to have the player with the lowest HCP playing at scratch.
- **Stroking off low 2 players**
 - Each flight is divided in two twosomes of player a+b and player c+d. Players in each twosome are stroking off the lower player’s HCP. Simply one player in each twosome will play at scratch.

Stroking of low 4 players

Following example Flight 1 represents HCP adjustments for 2-person teams match play. Players a1 and b1 are playing a Four Ball match with players c1 and d1. Player b1 has the lowest HCP. Using the **Stroking off low 4 players** option will adjust handicaps of all four players with player b1 playing at scratch.

Flight 2 represents HCP adjustments for singles match play when one scorecard for each match is desired. Player a2 is playing a match with player c2. Positions b2 and d2 are left empty. Applying the **Stroking off low 4 players** option will adjust handicap of only two entered players and player a2 will be playing at scratch since has the lower HCP.

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Number of Players playing in Flights 6

Flight	Player	HCP	Playing	Alt.Tee
1	Player a1	12	18	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Player b1	3	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Player c1	24	33	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Player d1	8	13	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Player a2	4	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>
	Player c2	19	23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Playing HCP Game Format
Use Playing HCP

Sort Name
Sort HCP
Sort Selected

PLAY TABLE
Number of Players playing in Flights 6

Flight	Player	HCP	Playing	Alt.Tee
1	Player a1	12	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Player b1	3	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Player c1	24	27	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Player d1	8	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Player a2	4	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>
	Player c2	19	15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Playing HCP Game Format
Stroking off low 4 players

Sort Name
Sort HCP
Sort Selected

2-Person Scorecard while using Stroking off low 4 players option

Designation that HCP is stroking off the low HCP

MakeGolfScorecard.com	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	Total	CR	SR	
Pro	380	516	404	331	195	523	109	428	526	3412	495	390	202	445	580	397	403	208	543	3663	7075	75,5	145	
Blue	377	511	390	326	192	506	106	427	481	3316	446	373	201	403	572	396	401	177	543	3512	6828	74,7	143	
Gold	346	460	374	307	142	496	98	400	460	3083	429	349	187	391	560	377	376	170	532	3371	6454	72,6	136	
Par	4	5	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	36	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5	36	72	Match		
Stroke Index	8	10	12	16	14	2	18	6	4		7	5	17	9	1	13	11	15	3			HCP	NET	
Player 1a	*	*	*			*		*	*		P1	*	*		*	*		*		*			12	
Player 1b											P1												0	
Match A																								
Player 1c	**	*	*	*	*	**	*	**	**		P1	**	**	*	**	**	*	*	*	**			27	
Player 1d						*		*	*		P1	*	*		*				*				7	
Match B																								

Scoring points for each team or each player in singles match- one match per scorecard

Stroking of low 2 players

Each Flight now actually represents two independent twosomes playing singles matches. There is one match between player a and b and another match between player c and d. Using the **Stroking off low 2 players** option will adjust handicaps of each twosome based on their lower HCP player. The lower HCP player will be playing at scratch.

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1	Player a1	12	18	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Player b1	3	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Player c1	24	29	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Player d1	8	13	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Player a2	4	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Player b2	19	23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>

Playing HCP Game Format: Use Playing HCP

Sort Name
Sort HCP
Sort Selected

PLAY TABLE
Number of Players playing in Flights: 6

Flight	Player	HCP	Playing	Alt.Tee
1	Player a1	12	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Player b1	3	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Player c1	24	16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Player d1	8	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Player a2	4	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Player b2	19	15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>

Playing HCP Game Format: Stroking off low 2 players

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Sort HCP
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2-Person Scorecard while using Stroking off low 2 players option

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Player a1	*	*	*			*		*	*		Pa	*	*		*	*		*		*				12		
Player b1											Pb													0		
Match A																										
Player c1 (Gold)	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*		Pc	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			16	
Player d1											Pd													0		
Match B																										

Scoring points for each match – two matches on one scorecard