

# **2013 BOSTON CHAPTER Match Play Guidelines and Procedures**

**Eligibility:** The event is open to EWGA members with a USGA Handicap Index (GHIN or EWGA GN21 is acceptable).

The EWGA Boston Cup is a full handicap match-play event. There will be three match play challenge periods, followed by a seeded single elimination tourney to determine the 2013 Boston Chapter Match Play Champion.

## **Boston Cup Standings:**

1. Participants will be listed in alphabetical order initially prior to official start of challenge play.
2. Ranking points for each player are accumulated over the challenge periods and each player will be ranked every week.

## **Format of Play:**

3. Play any golf course with a USGA Slope and Course Rating.
4. All matches will be played off full Course Handicaps under the Rules of Golf relating to Singles Match Play. The higher handicap will receive strokes equal to the difference between the Course Handicaps of the players.
5. In this format (unlike traditional match play in which the contest is complete when one player cannot “catch up”), play continues for all eighteen holes, since every point counts.
6. A player may play only one match per round and only one match per week ([first day of week is Sunday](#)).

## **Scoring:**

7. **Net Scoring:** Match play for the Boston Chapter is net scoring. Net scoring gives every competitor an opportunity to win. Never concede a hole until you determine what the net score will be.

**Reminder:** It is imperative that players keep an accurate USGA handicap, so remember to post all your golf scores throughout the season. Both players are responsible for the correct stroking of the card.

8. **Conceding Stroke/Hole:**

- A player may concede the hole at any time before or during play of the hole.
- A player may concede her opponent's next stroke at any time, provided the ball is at rest. That stroke is considered holed and the score recorded as such. ([Afterward](#), when you post your score to the handicap system, you will post the score you believe you most likely would have reached if you had played out the hole, up to your ESC maximum.)

- Conceded putts are common in match play, but before conceding, it is important to understand what the outcome of the hole will be.
- Concessions are offered, never requested and may not be declined or withdrawn.

#### **Order of Play:**

9. **On the first tee**, the challenger will play first. After that, the player with the lowest score on the last hole has the “honor” and will play first from the tee on the next hole. When a hole is “halved”, the honor is carried over to the following hole.
10. **While playing a hole**, the player whose ball is farthest from the hole plays first. In match play, if you play out of turn, there is no penalty but your opponent may make you replay your shot.

#### **Reporting Results:**

11. The *winner* MUST post the match play scores before *midnight* of date of play. If match is tied (halved), the *challenger* (one who made the challenge) is responsible for posting the scores.

#### **Important Dates and Information:**

12. The season will break down into three – 1 month rounds as shown below, followed by a single elimination bracket tourney playoff.
13. A player asked for a “challenge” cannot decline, unless she has already played the maximum matches for the 1 month round or week.
14. To be eligible for play-off tournament:
  - a. You can only post the two matches played per round.
  - b. You must have played 6 matches (2 per challenge round).
  - c. You can only play the same opponent once (subject to change).

<b>Month of May</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Round
<b>Month of June</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round
<b>Month of July</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round
<b>Months of August and September</b>	Single Elimination Tourney

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