



23. **PLAYOFF MATCHES.** Group winners will be paired by the NCGA Team Match Committee for a single elimination playoff to determine the overall Thursday and Saturday League Champions. Playoff matches will be conducted according to all regular Team Match rules, as follows:
- a. The Team Match Committee will - by coin toss - designate one team to be “Club A” and the other “Club B” for each playoff match.
 - b. Participating clubs will arrange their 12 players in CURRENT INDEX sequence (this differs from Regular Season play). Thus Team #1 from each club will be the two lowest indexed players, etc. The playoff match shall then be played on the courses of the competing teams as follows:
 - 1) Teams #1, #3 and #5 from each competing team will play at “Club A”.
 - 2) Teams #2, #4 and #6 from each competing team will play at “Club B”.
 - 3) “Club A” shall have the honor at each course.
 - 4) **Only players who have played in at least one regular season match are eligible for the playoffs.**
 - c. **Starting Times.** Team **Captains must ensure that all playoff matches start at a time that will allow all matches and any sudden death playoff to be completed prior to darkness.** The NCGA recommends that no playoff match start after 12:00 noon.
 - d. **Ties.** In the event of a tie in a playoff match, there shall be a sudden death playoff between only the lowest handicap teams from each club (i.e. the No. 1 Teams play at “Club A”; and the No. 2 Teams play at “Club B”). Team Captains are responsible for coordinating the sudden death playoff between the two courses.
 - (1) The sudden death will start on the same hole as the original match.
 - (2) The sudden death playoff will involve the same format of play as used during the regular match (i.e. two individual matches and one four-ball match in each foursome).
 - (3) Two points shall be awarded for each hole won in the individual matches, and two points for each hole won in the four-ball matches. If a hole is halved, 1 point shall be awarded to each team. A total possible point for one two-man team on each sudden death playoff hole is six (6).
 - (4) The team accumulating the most points on the first playoff hole, based on the play at both courses, will be declared the winner of the match. If a tie still exists, the playoff will continue to the next hole and any subsequent holes until the tie is broken.



(5) The order of play and handicap stroke allocation for the sudden death playoff shall be the same as used for the regular match.

e. Postponement/Suspension of Play:

(1) Definitions. See paragraph 14.

(2) Procedures. Because all playoff matches must be concluded and a winner determined, playoff procedures differ significantly than those in use during the regular season.

- If conditions exist at either Club “A” or Club “B” which force club management to declare the course unplayable either prior to the start of play or during play, and play cannot be resumed to conclusion and a winner determined, the entire match must be rescheduled. Player substitutions are allowed.
- If after play at both Club “A” and Club “B” has been concluded, but a tie exists and a sudden death playoff cannot begin or be concluded due to unplayable conditions, the sudden death playoff must commence or resume at the point it was suspended and a winner determined before the next scheduled match. No player substitutions are allowed for a sudden death playoff.