

# Franz' Matchplay - Santa Maria

## Preamble

Franz' Matchplay is an invitational matchplay competition. Invitations are granted on the sole discretion of the organiser.

## 1. Form of Play

- 1.1. The Competition is played as a matchplay according to the following specifications and based on the rules of „Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews“ and according to the local rules of Santa Maria Golf & Country Club.
- 1.2. Two players play against each other. If the game remains all square after 18 holes, the players continue to play until a player wins a hole (sudden death).
- 1.3. In sudden death the players start at the first hole again and play the holes in regular order until one player wins a hole. If both players agree they can decide to start at a different hole or change the order of the holes. Attention: Mind the index of the individual hole.
- 1.4. The winner qualifies for the next round (direct heat). The loser plays in the second chance heat against another loser. The winner of the second chance match qualifies for the next round in the second chance heat. There he either meets another winner from the second chance heat or a loser from the direct heat. Any player losing in the second chance heat is eliminated from the matchplay until season end event.

### Final

- 1.5. In the final the winner of the direct heat meets the winner of the second chance heat. If the match remains all square after 18 holes a sudden death play off must decide.  
The winner of the final is the winner of the matchplay of the year.

## 2. Handicap

- 2.1. The players play according to their exact handicaps (playing handicap according to slope list) from the blocks. Maximum playing handicap is 13.
- 2.2. The player with the higher handicap receives  $\frac{3}{4}$  **strokes of the difference** to the playing handicap of his opponent. „0.5“ is rounded up.

## 3. Deadline

- 3.1. Matches must be played within the deadline date.
- 3.2. The deadline date is always a Tuesday. If the players can not agree on a playing date, then the match is set for the deadline date, first tee time after the ladies competition. Should there be no ladies competition then the tee time is set for 10 o'clock. If a player does not show up at the first tee his opponent forfeits the match. The player present shall address the caddy master with the issue as a proof of presence and inform the chief of competition same day by e-mail or text message. If both players dont show up a draw will decide which player proceeds to next round.

## 4. Results

4.1. The winner reports the result of the match to the chief of competition via e-mail or text message.

## 5. Uncertainty about rules, disputes

5.1. The match must be finished under any circumstances.

5.2. If there is a marshal on the course he shall be consulted.

5.3. If there is no marshal or if he can not give advice, the player with the lower handicap decides how to proceed on the course. The players seek the correct advice after the round.

## 6. Competition fee

6.1. The competition fee is EUR 70.-. All the fees collected (8 x 70.- = 560.-) will be distributed among the players as give aways or prizes. The organisor does not collect any fees for his services.

## 7. Chief of Competition

7.1. Chief of Competition (CoC) is Franz Scherrer.

7.2. Should Franz as a player be involved in a ruling then Axel Anspach is Chief of Competition.

7.3. If both, Franz and Axel are involved as players in a ruling then Noel Lee is Chief of Competition.

7.4. The chief of competition can change these rules at any time. If changes are necessary they must respect equal chances for all players at the same stage of competition.

## 8. Comon Final, Prizes, Seeding for upcoming season

8.1. All players participate in the final event. It is held on the Tuesday following the Club Championship. After the game there will be a comon lunch and a prize giving ceremony.

8.2. The two finalists play at this event for the victory of the matchplay.

8.3. The other players play a matchplay for all the other ranks, i.e. 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8. The logic of the system brings with it that ranks 3 and 4 are already decided before the final. However the winner of the match 3rd against 4th will gain priority to choose his prize at prize giving ceremony.

8.4. Each player will be entitled to choose his prize at prize giving according to his rank, starting with the winner first. Guaranteed prizes for ranks 1 to 4. Every player will receive a give away.

8.5. The best four players will be seeded for next saison. Their opponents will be drawn after prize giving ceremony from the rest of the field or from new players joining the matchplay.

8.6. Players who do not participate in the final ceremony loose the right for prizes.

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