

# Golf Australia Recommended Match Index

Hole	Index	Hole	Index
1	18	10	5
2	8	11	11
3	12	12	2
4	3	13	15
5	14	14	7
6	6	15	13
7	10	16	4
8	1	17	17
9	16	18	9

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## Match Play Index

The Committee must publish a table indicating the order of holes at which handicap strokes are to be given or received (Rule 33-4). This order should be printed on the club’s score card.

The following is provided by Golf Australia as an option for clubs. This method provides for a fairly even distribution throughout the round. It also disregards hole difficulties (acknowledging that a 30-marker receives 5 strokes from a 25-marker, which is also what a 5-marker receives from a scratch marker, but that there can be clear differences in the holes a 5-marker and scratch marker will find the most challenging). It is fair to players on all handicap levels, and it has proved satisfactory in use. It avoids allocating low-numbered strokes to the last two holes so players receiving few strokes will have the opportunity to use these before a match is decided. It also avoids allocating low-numbered strokes to the first three holes in case a match goes to extra holes.

(Note: When using the match play index in match play competitions, the index should be adapted when a match commences at any other hole on the course other than the 1st. **Hole 1 in the recommendation should apply to the first hole to be played, Hole 2 to the second hole to be played, etc.)**