

MATCH PLAY SEEDING GUIDELINES

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The premise of this document is to outline the procedures Golf Ontario has implemented for the determination of seeding in Match Play. Players will have a thorough understanding of how seeding has been decided through regional qualifying.

1. Championship Exemptions

The exemption criteria for all Golf Ontario championships follows a defined seeding hierarchy. The order of categories is determined by the specific championship being contested.

- [Example – Ontario Match Play Championships:](#)

Results from the previous year's Ontario Match Play Championship will be seeded higher than results from previous Ontario Amateur Championships & Player of the Year categories. This approach ensures that players who competed in the Ontario Match Play in prior years are prioritized, before considering other notable achievements.

Match Play Championship Exemption Documents Can Be Found Here:

- [Ontario Men's Match Play](#)
- [Ontario Men's Senior Match Play](#)
- [Ontario Junior Boys Match Play](#)
- [Ontario Junior Girls Match Play](#)

2. Players Advancing Through Regional Qualifying

- Each qualifying site will be ranked based on the alternate order. Please [click here](#) for how the alternate order is determined.
- Players advancing from regional qualifying sites will be seeded based on:
 - The ranking of their qualifying site, and
 - Their finish at that site.
 - Example: The top seeds will consist of all qualifying site winners. The next group of seeds will consist of second-place finishers from each site, followed by third-place finishers, and so on.
- To determine seeding for players that are tied from the same qualifying site, the Golf Ontario tie breaking policy will be in affect – [Golf Ontario Tie Breaking Policy](#)
- Exception: Golf Ontario reserves the right to adjust seeding positions based on weather and course conditions.

Withdrawals

- Once the seeds are set in a championship field, any alternates will assume the seed of the player they are replacing.

Women's & Women's Senior Match Play

Women's Match Play:

The competition will be conducted in two stages:

1. Qualifying - 18 holes stroke play
2. Championship – Match Play, 16 players

Seeding for the final field will be based on the final results of the qualifier.

Women's Senior Match Play:

The competition will be conducted in two stages:

1. Qualifying - 18 holes stroke play
2. Championship – Match Play, 8 players

Seeding for the final field will be based on the final results of the qualifier.