



SOUTH FLORIDA WEEKLY MATCH PLAY FORMAT

A match consists of 5 SETS with 4 GAMES in each set. There are thus 20 games total for the match.

NO PLAYER CAN PLAY MORE THAN 5 TIMES IN ANY MATCH UNLESS THE OPPOSING TEAM CONSENTS.

- Normally, to avoid playing the same opponent multiple times, 4 players will be selected by the home team and they will play in the same order in each set. The VISITING team will play in any order in the first set. Then, in each set thereafter, the 1st player drops to last and the others move up a notch. This order cannot be followed if more than 4 players are present, but try to keep it as close as possible. Any combination of team players on a teams roster may be played.
- **EXCEPTION:** During the first **2 SETS**, a team has the option of playing the same player more than once – but that player may not exceed the 5 game limit for a match – and, the opposing team must be advised of that fact and allowed to arrange their play order accordingly before play begins. This allows players who must leave early to complete their plays – and also allows team play to begin in spite of those who are tardy in arrival.
- The handicaps for each player in the set are then added up and the difference between the two teams is added to the team with the lowest handicap total for that set (eg., if team A has a total handicap of 30 and team B has a total handicap of 40, then team A receives a 10 point handicap for the set). Note that handicaps for each SET may change if different players with different individual handicaps are substituted.
- The home team gets the break for the 1st and 3rd sets. The visitors break for the 2nd and 4th sets. The break in the 5th set alternates with the home team breaking the 1st game.
- The game scoring is quite simple and is an especially attractive feature of the League. The game winner receives 10 points while the loser gets 1 point for every ball sunk (no matter how they got sunk or by whom). That's all there is to it – no need to write down anything else on the game.
- After each set, the total points from all 4 players from each team, plus any handicap bonus, are added and the team with the highest total earns 1 SET point. This continues for each of the 5 sets until a total of 5 SET points have been earned (a tie awards ½ SET point to each team).
- At the end of 5 SETS, 1 bonus SET point is awarded to the team with the highest total points for the entire match. Thus it's possible to win 6 points for any given match.
- Handicap calculations are simple. For most players it is simply the total number of points scored divided by the total number of games played. For more skilled players, there is an extra "power factor" applied. Handicaps range from 4 to 13. Not many can achieve the 13 level.

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