

NSGC Countback rules



Assumptions

- Based off the USGA recommendations (<http://docs.golfgenius.com/article/show/18544-tie-breaking-methods>)
- Playing extra holes is not feasible as we don't know who is involved and when we can get back out on the courses. The only exception is Matchplay as the players will know straight away if they need to go to extra holes.
- Stroke index relates to the stroke index for the type of competition being played, some clubs may just have one index which used for everything.
- With countbacks there is a winner and losers. The winner thinks the process is correct, the losers think the process is flawed. The club just needs to be consistent with our approach to determining a winner.
- Countback only applies to 1st place or determining qualifying positions.

Day Events - Stableford

- Regardless of what hole you started on (1st, 10th or shotgun) the countback is based on the best score for holes 10-18 on the scorecard.
- If players are still tied, best score on holes 13-18
- If players are still tied, best score on holes 16-18
- If players are still tied, best score on hole 18
- If players are still tied, best score on the most difficult hole (stroke index 1).
- If players are still tied, best score on the three most difficult holes (stroke index 1- 3).
- If players are still tied, best score on the six most difficult holes (stroke index 1- 6).
- If players are still tied, best score on the nine most difficult holes (stroke index 1- 9).
- If players are still tied, best score on the twelve most difficult holes (stroke index 1- 12).
- If players are still tied, best score on the fifteen most difficult holes (stroke index 1- 15).
- Declare joint winners
- The putting championship will be decided using this method based on the putts per hole.

Day Events – Stroke

- Regardless of what hole you started on (1st, 10th or shotgun) the countback is based on the best score for holes 10-18 on the scorecard determined by Gross score minus one half of your handicap. (Note: Includes decimals)
- If players are still tied, best score on holes 13-18 determined by Gross score minus one third of your handicap.
- If players are still tied, best score on holes 16-18 determined by Gross score minus one sixth of your handicap.
- If players are still tied, best score on hole 18 determined by Gross score minus one eighteen of your handicap.
- Declare a tie

Multi-round competitions

Stroke Countback - Open, Club Championships

Stableford Countback - Presidents Cup, Putting Championships (using putts)

- In multi-round events the last 18 holes are first used for countback purposes.
- If this cannot separate a tie, then the countback method for the type of day event is then applied to the last round as described above.

Captains Trophy- Matchplay

- Top 8 qualifiers are determined based on the countback method outlined for the Day Winner based on the type of event the qualifier was.
- Regardless of what hole you started on (1st, 10th or shotgun) the extra holes will start off the 1st tee and continue until there is a winner.
- If it is not possible to get access to the 1st tee, in consultation with the matchplay marker and a Committee member, extra holes will start on the 10th and continue until there is a winner.
- If access to the 1st & 10th tees is an issue, then back to the 18th and replay until there is a winner.
- For extra holes the handicaps are reset, using the matchplay index (stroke index if they don't have one), if a player gets a stroke on that hole during the original round then they will also get a stroke when playing that hole in the playoff. Note if we can only replay the using the 18th and there is a shot given then a shot will be given every time they play the hole.

Danny Healey memorial Trophy

- In the event of a tie in the 5 best scores the player with the best 4 scores will be the winner.
- Then best 3 scores
- Then best 2 scores
- Then best individual score.
- Declare joint winners

Dave Mott award

- In the event of a tie, the most 10 points will be the winner
- Then the most 9 points
- Then the most 8 points
- Then the most 7 points
- Then the most 6 points
- Then the most 5 points
- Then the most 4 points
- Then the most 3 points
- Then the most 2 points
- Then the most 1 point
- Declare joint winners.

Junior Champion

- In the event of a tie, the best nett average from their best 2 rounds from the year will be the winner.
- The best individual nett score from the year will be the winner.
- Declare joint winners.