

Some U. S. Golf Association Decisions On the Rules of Golf

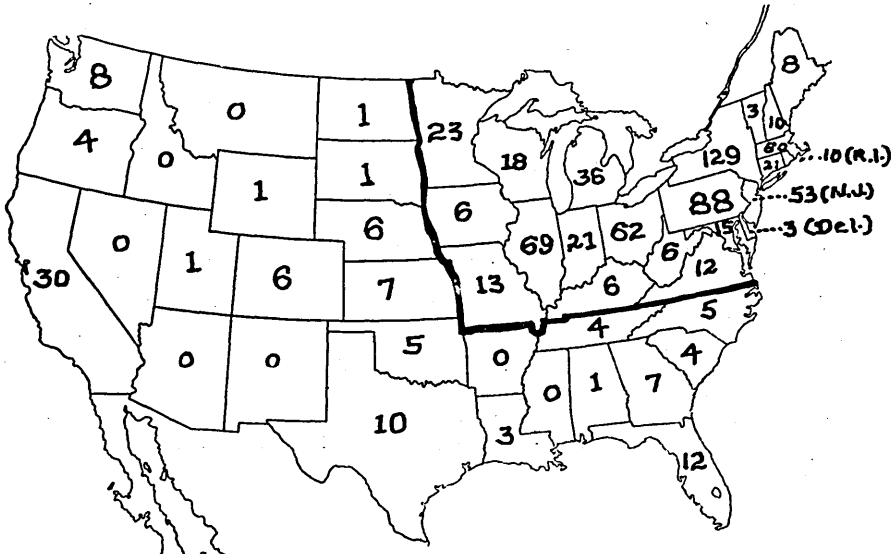
A drives from the tee, giving B a stroke each hole. Each makes the hole in 4 strokes. Which one drives first at the next tee?

(Decision). The winner of a hole in handicap match play is the player who makes the lowest net on any hole. The player receiving a handicap is entitled to the honor as well as the player conceding a handicap.

A and B are playing C and D in a four-ball match, and in order to make the contest even B is giving D three strokes per nine, while A is playing C and D even, giving no strokes. On one of the holes where B gives D a stroke the scores are as follows: A and B both make 5's, and C and D both make 6's. Who wins the hole? A claims he does, for his side, as he makes a 5 and does not give any strokes, while C and D claim they halve it, as the player D, using the stroke, makes the same net as B. Some of our local authorities rule that A is right in contending that he wins for his side, since he gives no strokes.

(Decision). In the first place, the handicap arranged in this match is irregular, as sides should give handicaps, not individuals. Our decision is that in a best-ball competition under the conditions stated in your match, A had a 5 while his opponent had a 6. A's 5 stands unimpaired, and against him the others actually holed out in 6. Therefore A won the hole for his side.

Soil foundation of a putting green.—In building a green the two main points to consider are the providing for drainage and the providing for a top soil of the character of a good garden loam and not over 4 inches thick. All the evidence we have points clearly to the fact that layers of peat moss, cinders, or any other material are detrimental to a putting green.



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