

TYPES OF COMPETITIONS PLAYED

STROKE COMPETITIONS

Scores in stroke competitions are achieved by recording the stroke taken on each hole. The scores for all 18 holes are added up at the completion of the round to calculate the Gross score which is recorded in the Gross box. The Nett score is calculated by subtracting a player's handicap from the player's Gross score and is recorded in the Nett box.

STABLEFORD COMPETITIONS

A player's score in Stableford competitions are converted into points at each hole played in relation to his/her handicap.

The Stroke Index column on the score card indicates how many strokes a player receives on a hole.

E.G. A player with a handicap of 12 would receive one stroke on each hole with a Stroke Index of 1 to 12 but would not receive a stroke on the other six holes with Stroke Index of 13 to 18.

A player with a handicap of 19 would receive one stroke on each hole except when playing the hole with a Stroke Index of 19 where they would receive two strokes.

The player's score for each hole should be placed in the appropriate column (e.g. your score in the Marker 1 column) and the points in the Result column. If a player has played too many shots on a particular hole and cannot score any points on that hole they should pick up their ball to help speed up play.

The points are added up at the completion of the round and recorded in the Nett box.

STROKE v PAR COMPETITIONS

A player's score in Stroke v Par competitions receive a plus (+), minus (-) or square (□) at each hole played in relation to his/her handicap.

A point or plus (+) is achieved by beating par at a hole in relation to the player's handicap.

A square (□) is achieved by matching par at a hole in relation to the player's handicap. A point is deducted or a minus (-) placed on the card if the player fails to beat or match par at a hole in relation to the player's handicap.

The player's score for each hole should be placed in the appropriate column (e.g. your score in the Marker 1 column) and the points in the Result column.

The Stroke Index column on the score card indicates how many strokes a player receives on a hole.

If a player has played too many shots on a particular hole and cannot score a plus or a square on that hole, they should pick up their ball to help speed up play.

The final score is calculated after completion of the round – the minus signs are subtracted from the plus signs giving a plus, square or minus score. (e.g. 6 pluses – 4 minuses = +2)

The final score is recorded in the Nett box.

BISQUE v PAR COMPETITION

This event is a variation of the individual Par Competition, where players allocate their handicap to each hole however they want.

In Bisque v Par competition, you allocate your handicap on a **hole by hole** basis however, it is necessary to mark on the card, the number of handicap strokes allocated to each hole **after** playing the hole and **before** hitting off the next tee.

Players can use as many handicap strokes as they like on each hole. The allocation of handicap strokes will obviously cease once the player's full handicap has been used.

FOUR BALL BEST BALL (4BBB)

In 4BBB events two competitors play as partners. Each player plays their own ball.

The Stroke Index column on the score card indicates how many strokes each player receives on a hole.

In **4BBB Stroke**, the lowest Nett score of the partners is recorded as the score for each hole is recorded in the Player(s) Result column (i.e. If a player scores 5 on a hole on which they are allocated one stroke by the Stroke Index, their Nett score for that hole is 4). The actual number of shots played by the player that scored the lowest Nett score must also be recorded in the appropriate column. (Column 1 for Player 1 or Column 2 for Player 2).

In **4 Ball Multiplication**, the two partners multiply their Stableford scores on each hole and record the total. Both players strokes and points must be recorded on the card, the products of the multiplied points then added, with the pair with highest score winning. (e.g. 3 points x 3 points = 9 or 4 points x 0 points = 0 points).

In **4BBB Stableford**, the highest points score is recorded for each hole. The strokes and points must be recorded on the card (unless 0 is the Stableford score) in the same way strokes and Nett scores should be recorded in 4BBB Stroke and then added.

The pair with the lowest number of strokes in a 4BBB Stroke event or the highest number of points in a 4BBB Stableford event are the winners.

In **4 Ball Aggregate Stableford**, the two partners add their Stableford score each hole (e.g. 3 points + 2 points = 5 points). Both player's strokes and scores (unless 0 is the score) must be recorded on the card. The scores are then added with the highest number of points winning.

Swingers Allowed. If there are only **three players in the group in a Four Ball Competition**, then the **lowest** marker in that group plays with **both** players.

AMBROSE

A team stroke event played by a group of two, three or four.

Each player plays a tee shot at each hole. The team then selects and marks the best drive which is then played by its owner. (NB: to speed up play, the shorter hitters of the group may hit before the selected player, but the selected ball cannot be picked up).

The other members retrieve their ball and drop their ball within one club-length of the selected position and play their second shots.

This procedure of selecting the best position continues until a ball is holed. When on the green, balls are placed within one score card length of the selected spot.

If a tee shot rule is applied (i.e. 3 tee shot rule), each player must use the minimum number of tee shots specified and the initials of the person whose tee shot was taken must be shown on the card.

Handicaps are calculated as follows:

- 2 Ball – one quarter of combined handicaps
- 3 Ball – one sixth of combined handicaps
- 4 Ball – one eighth of combined handicaps

PUTTS COMPETITION

Each player's putts on the green for each hole are recorded on the card and added up at the end of the round. The player with the least number of putts wins.

FLAG COMPETITION

The first player to shoot under his/her handicap then returns to the **First Tee with their marker** and plays the same number of shots as he/she finished under his/her handicap quota.

The name of each player who advances the flag (or equals where the flag finished, such as in the 1st hole) is placed on the sheet attached to the flag and signed by his/her marker.

IRISH FOUR BALL

A team stroke event usually played by a group of four and won by the team with the most points.

Scoring is done by Stableford points. The highest point's score of one partner is recorded as the team score for the first six holes (1 to 6). The sum of the two highest points scores of the partners are recorded as the team score for the next five holes (7 to 11). The sum of the three highest points scores of the partners are recorded as the team score for the next four holes (12 to 15). The sum of the points scores of all the partners are recorded as the team score for the last three holes (16 to 18).

The actual number of individual strokes taken and the individual points scores by the players whose scores are used must be appropriately recorded on the card.

FOURSOMES

These **Honour Board** events are played in pairs over 27 holes at Mt Warren Park Golf Club with only one ball in play.

Players alternate between shots after teeing off. The tee shots are also taken alternately (Player One tees off on the first tee, Player Two tees off on the second tee and so on).

In **Mixed Foursomes**, men tee off from the **1st Hole**. The players swap their order of taking tee shots when they play the front nine the **second** time around. Ladies tee off from their own tee. The order of play is **not** changed if a player incurs a penalty.

In **Mixed Foursomes**, the female member of the team **must** play a tee shot from the men's tee if the male member hits his shot **Out-of-Bounds**.

Played and recorded as if a single stroke event. The lowest Gross scores in the two divisions win these Honour Board events. Nett scores are calculated by deducting three-quarters of the players' combined handicaps from the Gross score.

AMERICAN FOURSOMES

This game is played in pairs using half the combined handicap to calculate the team's Nett score.

Both partners tee off from each tee. They then play their second shot with their partner's ball. They then select the best ball and the partner of the player whose ball was selected plays the team's third shot.

The pair plays alternate shots thereafter until the ball is holed.

CANADIAN FOURSOMES

This game is played in pairs using three-eighths of the combined handicap to calculate the team's Nett score.

Both partners tee off from each tee. They then select the best positioned ball and the partner of the player whose ball was selected plays the team's second shot.

The pair plays alternate shots thereafter until the ball is holed.

CHAPMAN FOURSOMES

This game is played in pairs using one-third of the combined handicap to calculate the team's Nett score.

Both partners tee off from each tee. They then play their second shot with their own ball. They then select the best ball and the partner of the player whose ball was selected plays the team's third shot.

The pair plays alternate shots thereafter until the ball is holed.