

# MOTHERBALL

## **Format, Scoring, Handicap Allowance**

Team competition played under strokeplay rules, scored as in stableford with full handicap allowance.

## **Course Adjustment**

Players play off their own tee's stroke indexes and PARs consequently there is no course adjustment

## **Description**

Teams comprise three or four players. Prior to playing, the team is given a "motherball", which then becomes **OPERATIVE** and the team decides the strict order in which the motherball will rotate between the players. This order is marked on the scorecard as A,B,C,D (or A,B,C if there are only three players). If the scorecard is already printed with a different order, then you should strikeout the relevant letters and replace them with the new ones to indicate the order of play.

Keeping to the rotation order, each player takes it in turn to play a hole with the operative motherball and the player whose turn it is to play it must play it. He/she cannot decide to play another ball instead (e.g. if the team thinks that the player is likely to lose the motherball on that hole).

A motherball becomes **INOPERATIVE** as soon as:

- it is lost, or;
- it comes to rest out-of-bounds (even if it is possible physically to retrieve it), or;
- it comes to rest in the water hazard between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> fairways, or in the water hazard surrounding the 13<sup>th</sup> green (even if it is physically possible to retrieve it).

The scorecard must indicate the hole on which the motherball became inoperative.

As in a normal stableford competition a player should "pick up" if he/she is unable to score any stableford points on a hole. That hole should be marked in the score column for that player as a – (minus).

**The gross score must be recorded for each player under the relevant score column (A,B,C,D) for each hole** and the stableford score should also be recorded there.

Calculate the team points scored on a hole (to be recorded in the "Points" column) in the following way:

- If the motherball **is operative** - **double the motherball player's stableford score** and add to this the highest stableford score of the remaining players;
- If the motherball **is inoperative** – add the stableford score of the player whose turn it would have been to play the motherball on that hole to the highest stableford score of the remaining players.

**N.B. the score of the player whose turn it is (or would have been) to play the motherball always counts** even if two other players in the team have better scores and even if that player scores no points.

**Both the marker and one other team member must sign the card.**

## **Example**

The team has decided that the the order of using the motherball is A – Neil Faldo, B – Jake Nicklaus, C – Anita Sörenstam, D – Flora Davies, so Neil will be the "motherball player" on holes 1, 5, 9, 13, 17; Jake on holes 2, 6, 10, 14, 18; Anita on holes 3, 7, 11, 15 and Flora on holes 4, 8, 12, 16.

Neil hits the motherball into the water hazard on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole, thus making it inoperative from then on. He then drops a "normal" golf ball in the dropping zone, chips onto the green and sinks the putt for a single stableford point. This single point is added to the best score of the rest of his team to give the final stableford score for that hole.

The scorecard for such a scenario follows:

### Example scorecard for a Motherball competition

COMPETITION							Medal/Stableford/Bogey							
<b>Motherball</b>							<b>Stableford</b>							
DATE	01/04/2014			TIME	08:30		H'CAP	STROKES			TEES	PAR	CR	SR
PLAYER A	<b>Jake Nicklaus</b>			<b>(Yellow)</b>			21.5	<b>20</b>			RED	71	71.6	118
PLAYER B	<b>Neil Faldo</b>			<b>(Yellow)</b>			6.2	<b>4</b>			YELLOW	71	68.4	121
PLAYER C	<b>Anita Sörenstam</b>			<b>(Red)</b>			28.2	<b>30</b>			WHITE	71	70.9	123
PLAYER D											<i>MBALL</i>	<i>B »</i>	<i>A »</i>	<i>C »</i>
HOLE	MARKER	WHITE	YELLOW	RED	PAR	S.I.	SCORE				POINTS			
							A	B	C	D				
1		354	326	320	4	4	5 / 2	4 / 3 M	6 / 2		2 x 3 + 2 = 8			
2		131	124	110	3	18	5 / 1 M	4 / 1	5 / 1		2 x 1 + 1 = 3			
3		452	439	397	5	12	6 / 2	5 / 2	8 / 1 M		2 x 1 + 2 = 4			
4		287	241	201	4	14	6 / 1	4 / 2 M	5 / 2		2 x 2 + 2 = 6			
5		336	314	302	4	10	5 / 2 M	4 / 2	5 / 3		2 x 2 + 3 = 7			
6		392	386	358	4	2	4 / 4	5 / 2	7 / 1 M		2 x 1 + 4 = 6			
7		359	333	323	4	6	-	4 / 2 M	5 / 3		2 x 2 + 3 = 7			
8		162	146	139	3	16	4 / 2 M	4 / 1	5 / 1		2 x 2 + 1 = 5			
9		354	339	315	4	8	4 / 3	4 / 2	6 / 2 M		2 x 2 + 3 = 7			
OUT		2827	2648	2465	35						<b>53</b>			
10		165	160	146	3	9	3 / 3	- M	-		2 x 0 + 3 = 3			
11		273	259	232	4	17	4 / 3 M	4 / 2	5 / 2		2 x 3 + 2 = 8			
12		299	272	240	4	15	4 / 3	3 / 3	6 / 1 M		2 x 1 + 3 = 5			
13		150	118	75	3	11	-	4 / 1 M	5 / 2		<b>M.B. IN-OP</b> 1 + 2 = 3			
14		338	324	298	4	3	6 / 1 M	4 / 3	5 / 3		1 + 3 = 4			
15		524	476	434	5	1	6 / 3	7 / 1	7 / 2 M		2 + 3 = 5			
16		368	353	302	4	13	5 / 2	- M	6 / 1		0 + 2 = 2			
17		414	380	352	4	5	6 / 1 M	4 / 2	7 / 1		1 + 2 = 3			
18		485	453	407	5	7	6 / 2	5 / 2	- M		0 + 2 = 2			
IN		3016	2795	2486	36						<b>35</b>			
OUT		2827	2648	2465	35						<b>53</b>			
TOTAL		5843	5443	4951	71						<b>88</b>			
HANDICAP														
NET														
Marker's Signature							Player's Signature				Stableford Points			
<i>Jake Nicklaus</i>							<i>Anita Sörenstam</i>				<b>88</b>			

PLEASE AVOID SLOW PLAY AT ALL TIMES

Distance markers are measured to the centre of the green in metres. *Please replace all divots and repair pitchmarks.*