

St. ANDREWS FOURSOMES STABLEFORD

Format, Scoring, Handicap Allowance

Team competition played under strokeplay rules, scored as in stableford. The team handicap allowance is 50% of the combined playing handicaps of the two players.

Course Adjustment

If one or both of the teams is "mixed", all players play off the men's tee's stroke indexes and PARs consequently **there is course adjustment**. If both teams are of the same gender, all players play off their own tee's stroke indexes and PARs consequently **there is no course adjustment**.

Description

Teams comprise two players.

- Flights are sent out two teams at a time: Team X and Team Y, each team consisting of two players, Player A and Player B;
- Prior to playing, each team decides separately which player on their team will hit the **second shot** on the even-numbered holes. The other player will then hit the second shot on the odd-numbered holes.
- All four players drive on each tee.
- Team X then decides which of their two balls will be used for the remainder of that hole and team Y does the same.
- Depending on whether the hole is even-numbered or odd-numbered the relevant player on that team must play that ball. His/her partner then plays the next shot with that ball and the team players alternate in this way until the ball is holed, or until it is picked up because the team cannot score any stableford points on a hole.
- "Penalty shots" and relief do not affect the order of play (e.g. if player A hits the chosen ball out of bounds then the player who would normally hit the ball next (it may be Player A, or it may be Player B) must play the next shot from where Player A played the original ball, under penalty of 1 stroke, i.e. "stroke and distance"), even if it means that a lady golfer has to play from the men's tee and vice versa.

As in any game of golf, it is essential that each player's ball is marked and can therefore easily be identified.

As in a normal stableford competition a player should "pick up" if his/her team is unable to score any stableford points on a hole. That hole should be marked in score column A as a – (minus).

The gross score must be recorded for the team under score column A for each hole and the stableford score should be recorded in the "points" column.

Both the marker and one of the players from the relevant team must sign the card.

Example

Team X consists of Jake Nicklaus and Flora Davies and they decide that Flora will hit the second shot on even-numbered holes, so Jake will hit the second shot on odd-numbered holes. Team Y consists of Neil Faldo and Anita Sörenstam. They decide that Neil will hit the second shot on even-numbered holes and Anita on the odd-numbered ones.

Jake manages to hit his ball off the tee into the water hazard on hole 13, while his partner Flora lands hers 1 metre from the pin. Neil and Anita tee off and land their tee shots about 7 and 5 metres respectively from the pin. Neil and Anita see that her ball is closer the hole than his, so they choose Anita's ball. It is Anita's turn to hit the second shot and she manages to sink her ball for a birdie (net eagle). Jake and Flora obviously decide that they will use Flora's ball and Jake putts it in the hole, also for a birdie (net eagle).

The scorecard for such a scenario follows.

Example scorecard for a St. Andrew's Foursomes competition

COMPETITION							Medal/Stableford/Bogey							
St. Andrew's Foursomes							Stableford							
DATE	01/04/2014			TIME	08:30		H'CAP	STROKES			TEES	PAR	CR	SR
PLAYER A	Jake Nicklaus			21.5	(Yellow)		20	TEAM = 26/2			RED	71	71.6	118
PLAYER B	Flora Davies			5.0	(Red)		6	13			YELLOW	71	68.4	121
PLAYER C											WHITE	71	70.9	123
PLAYER D														
HOLE	MARKER	WHITE	YELLOW	RED	PAR	S.I.	SCORE				POINTS			
							A	B	C	D				
1	6 / 1	354	326	320	4	4	5					2		
2	4 / 1	131	124	110	3	18	4					1		
3	5 / 3	452	439	397	5	12	6					2		
4	5 / 2	287	241	201	4	14	-					-		
5	5 / 2	336	314	302	4	10	5					2		
6	6 / 1	392	386	358	4	2	4					3		
7	5 / 2	359	333	323	4	6	-					-		
8	3 / 3	162	146	139	3	16	4					1		
9	6 / 1	354	339	315	4	8	4					3		
OUT	16	2827	2648	2465	35							14		
10	5 / 1	165	160	146	3	9	-					-		
11	4 / 3	273	259	232	4	17	4					2		
12	4 / 3	299	272	240	4	15	4					2		
13	2 / 4	150	118	75	3	11	2					4		
14	5 / 2	338	324	298	4	3	-					-		
15	7 / 1	524	476	434	5	1	6					2		
16	6 / 1	368	353	302	4	13	5					2		
17	5 / 2	414	380	352	4	5	-					-		
18	6 / 2	485	453	407	5	7	6					2		
IN	19	3016	2795	2486	36							14		
OUT	16	2827	2648	2465	35							14		
TOTAL	35	5843	5443	4951	71							28		
HANDICAP														
NET														
Marker's Signature					Player's Signature					Stableford Points				
<i>Anita Sörenstam</i>					<i>Jake Nicklaus</i>					28				

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.*