

CHAPMAN-PINEHURST STABLEFORD

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- take 60% of the playing handicap of the lower handicapped player (do not round)
- and 40% of the playing handicap of the higher handicapped partner (do not round)
- add these and round the result to the nearest integer (≥ 0.5 is rounded up, < 0.5 is rounded down).

Description

Teams comprise two players.

- On each hole, both players drive from the teeing ground.
- On the second stroke, player A will play player B's ball while player B will play player A's ball.
- Prior to the third stroke, the partners must make a choice which ball they will play.
- Penalty strokes do not affect order of play. If the players choose the ball played on B's second stroke, player A will play the third stroke and they will play alternate strokes until the ball is holed. At no time will a player strike the same ball twice in succession.
- The team then decides which of their two balls will be used for the remainder of that hole. There will be only one ball played by the team after the second stroke on each hole.
- If Player A's ball is chosen (the ball that Player B last hit), then Player A must play the next shot with that ball. Player B 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 the 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 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. Jake manages to hit his ball off the tee into the water hazard on hole 13, while his partner Flora lands hers 20 metres from the pin.

Flora goes to the drop zone and plays a ball to within 10 metres of the pin for 3, while Jake puts Flora's ball to within 3 metres of the pin for 2.

The team then chooses that ball (Flora's original) and Flora puts it into the hole for a gross 3, net 2 and therefore 3 stableford points.

The scorecard for such a scenario follows.

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