

## **FOURSOMES STABLEFORD**

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

Team competition played under strokeplay rules, scored as in stableford with a team handicap allowance of 50% of the combined playing handicaps of the two players, rounded to the nearest integer ( $\geq 0.5$  is rounded up,  $< 0.5$  is rounded down).

### ***Course Adjustment***

If a team is "mixed", both players play off the men's tee's stroke indexes and PARs consequently **there is course adjustment**. If the team is of the same gender, both 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 tee off on the even-numbered holes. The other player will then tee off on the odd-numbered holes.
- If Player A tees off, then Player B must play the next shot with that ball (and vice versa) 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 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 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, while team Y is Neil Faldo and Anita Sörenstam. Team X decides that Flora will tee off on the even-numbered holes and Jake on the odd-numbered ones. Team Y decides that Anita will tee off on the even-numbered holes and Neil on the odd-numbered ones.

Jake manages to hit his ball off the tee into the water hazard on hole 13, while Neil manages to land his tee shots about 7 metres from the hole.

Flora decides to drop a ball (under penalty of 1 stroke) in the dropping zone and promptly puts it 4 metres from the hole (she had the option, under penalty of 1 stroke, of teeing up the ball on the teeing ground used by Jake, but chose to use the dropping zone instead).

Anita manages to sink Neil's ball for a birdie (net eagle).

Jake then gets a case of the "yips" and lips out of the hole and Flora finally putts the ball in the hole to finish with a double-bogey (net bogey).

The scorecard for such a scenario follows.

*Example scorecard for a Foursomes Stableford competition*

COMPETITION							Medal/Stableford/Bogey						
Foursomes							Stableford						
DATE	01/04/2014		TIME	08:30		H'CAP	STROKES		TEES	PAR	CR	SR	
PLAYER A	<b>Jake Nicklaus</b>		<b>21.5</b>	<b>(Yellow)</b>		20	TEAM = 26/2		RED	71	71.6	118	
PLAYER B	<b>Flora Davies</b>		<b>5.0</b>	<b>(Red)</b>		6	<b>13</b>		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		
<b>OUT</b>	<b>16</b>	2827	2648	2465	35						<b>14</b>		
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	5				1		
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		
<b>IN</b>	<b>19</b>	3016	2795	2486	36						<b>11</b>		
<b>OUT</b>	<b>16</b>	2827	2648	2465	35						<b>14</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	5843	5443	4951	71						<b>25</b>		
HANDICAP													
NET													
Marker's Signature					Player's Signature					Stableford Points			
<i>Anita Sörenstam</i>					<i>Jake Nicklaus</i>					<b>25</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.*