

GRUESOMES STABLEFORD

Format, Scoring, Handicap Allowance

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

Course Adjustment

If one or both of the teams is "mixed", all players play off the men's tee's stroke indexes, consequently there is course adjustment. If both teams are of the same gender, all players play off their own tee's stroke indexes and as such there is no course adjustment. Any adjustment is made prior to subtracting the lowest playing handicap.

Description

Teams comprise two players and the competition is played in a way that is almost identical to a Greensomes competition. The catch is that, after both of you have teed off, instead of your team choosing which of your two balls to play from then on, it is the other team with whom you are playing that chooses which ball your team will use.

- 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;
- All four players drive on each tee.
- Team X then decides which ball of Team Y's will be used for the remainder of that hole and vice versa.
- If Player A's ball is chosen, then Player B must play that ball. Player A 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 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, while team Y is Neil Faldo and Anita Sörenstam. 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 decide that Team X will play Jake's ball, not Flora's. So Flora drops a ball (under penalty of 1 stroke) in the dropping zone and promptly puts it 4 metres from the pin (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).

Jake and Flora see that Neil's ball is further away from the hole than Anita's, but they know that his putting is worse than hers, so they choose Anita's ball. Neil however manages to sink Anita'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 Gruesomes competition

COMPETITION							Medal/Stableford/Bogey							
Gruesomes							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	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
IN	19	3016	2795	2486	36							11
OUT	16	2827	2648	2465	35							14
TOTAL	35	5843	5443	4951	71							24
		HANDICAP										
		NET										
Marker's Signature				Player's Signature				Stableford Points				
<i>Anita Sorenstam</i>				<i>Jake Nicklaus</i>				24				

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.*