

## MOTHERBALL

	DESCRIPTION
Format	Team competition, 3 or 4 players per team, strokeplay rules.
Scoring	Stableford.
Handicap Strokes Received	Full playing handicap.

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. Mark this order on the scorecard as A,B,C,D (or A,B,C if there are only three players).

Keeping to the strict rotation order, each player takes it in turn to play a hole with the operative motherball. The player whose turn it is to play it **must play it**.

You should pick up if you are unable to score any stableford points on a hole.

A motherball becomes **INOPERATIVE** as soon as: it is **lost** according to the rules of golf (i.e. a ball that cannot be found in a hazard, ground under repair or casual water is NOT 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 18<sup>th</sup> fairways**, or **in the water hazard surrounding the 15<sup>th</sup> green**, or **in the hazard to the left, right or in front of the 10<sup>th</sup> fairway** (even if it is possible physically to retrieve it from these hazards).

**You must indicate on the scorecard the hole on which the motherball became inoperative.**

**You must record the gross score for each player** on each hole in the relevant "Score" column (A,B,C,D) 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 another member of the team must sign the card.**

*(Example scorecard follows - for a fuller explanation see the description in the folder in the Pro shop)*

### Example scorecard for a Motherball competition

COMPETITION							Medal/Stableford/Bogey						
Motherball							Stableford						
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									MBALL	B »	A »	C »	
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		M.B. IN-OP 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.*