

Stableford Scoring System

Preface

The following definition of terms are being used in the document:

- (a) Strokes Taken = Gross number of strokes played, hole by hole
- (b) Strokes Received = Strokes to be deducted from Strokes Taken, hole by hole
- (c) Nett Score = Score remaining after strokes deducted, hole by hole
- (d) Points Scored = Stableford points awarded for each play outcome, hole by hole

To help understand Scoring and Marking Scorecard in Stableford, the following should be referenced when reading this document:

- Handicap Table: Strokes Received, based on handicap, hole by hole (Included as Attachment A)
- A Sample Scorecard: Completed to show nett score & points scored calculation (Included as Attachment B)
- Stableford Points System: Points Scored based on Nett Score, hole by hole (Embedded in the following text).

What is Stableford?

Dr. Frank Stableford's system of scoring was first used in Wallasay, near Liverpool. Points are awarded for performance against par, with allowance for handicaps, so that alone among games, golf can offer a competitive match between an expert and a high-handicap player.

Scoring

Stableford is a very popular form of competition (approx 95% of competitions played are Stableford) in which the reckoning is made by points, hole by hole, on your nett (strokes deducted) score at each hole. In a Stableford, you are awarded points per hole based on your Nett Score (the net number of strokes taken). To calculate your Nett Score, you must first calculate Strokes Received for each hole based on your handicap before play. Refer to the Handicap Table (*Attachment A*).

A sample case (*Attachment B*) is used to help demonstrate the method of Scoring in Stableford. In this sample case, Player J. Smith with a handicap of 30 receives 30 strokes and should therefore tick each hole that has an Index of 1 to 12. This means he receives 2 strokes at each of these twelve holes, and receives 1 stroke only for each remaining holes (that is for each hole that has an Index of 13 to 18).

The reckoning in Stableford competition is made by points awarded in relation to a fixed score at each hole as follows: -

<i>Nett number of strokes played at each hole</i>	<i>Points Awarded</i>	<i>Comment</i>
2 or more above par	Zero	<i>Do not have to complete play; should just pick up your ball and move on</i>
1 over par	1	
Par	2	
Birdie	3	
Eagle	4	
Albatross	5	

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Marking the Scorecard

Golf is a self-policing game, where fair play is the backbone of the game, without the acrimonious disputes so common in other sports today. You are responsible for your own score. It is not essential, but only customary for marker to indicate/calculate Stableford points scored by a player. But it is necessary that the gross number of strokes taken must always be shown for holes where points are scored.

The way to fill in the scorecard is as shown in the Sample Scorecard (*Attachment B*)

On the basis that you receives 3 points for a birdie, 2 points for a par and 1 point for one over par, put down the number of points scored at each hole depending on the your nett number of strokes and total all 18.

So nothing beyond one over par scores anything, in which case you must pick your ball up and move on. This is one way of speeding up the game, a distinct advantage of Stableford competition. ***It is a question of etiquette to keep the group in front in sight at all times:*** your position in the field is directly behind the group in front, not in front of the group behind. ***Players should minimise slow play*** as the club that condones slow play runs the risk of not being welcome to play at reciprocal golf courses, which have to be booked up to a year in advance.

Another advantage of Stableford is that you can have 1 or 2 bad holes, but compensate for them during the balance of your round. You have the chance to catch up.

In Summary

Scoring & Marking Scorecard for a Stableford competition:-

- Work out Strokes Received for each hole (make mental note or on Scorecard)
- Play hole & record Strokes Taken on Scorecard
- Work out Nett Score (Strokes taken less Strokes Received), record if helpful
- Work out Stableford points awarded based on Nett Score (refer to Points table)
- Complete the Scorecard, hole by hole
 - o Record Nett Score (optional), Strokes Taken (essential) and Points Awarded (non-essential but customary)
 - o Total up Pointed scored for the 18 holes
 - o Record NETT (= Total Points Awarded) under RESULT

Avoid Slow Play:

- ***If you get to be one hole behind the group in front of you, you are considered to be holding up play***
- ***If you cannot score any stableford points you must pick up your ball***
- ***You should spend no longer than 3 minutes looking for a lost ball***

Observe Golf Etiquette

- Making noise on the tee when other groups are teeing off;
- Do repair pitch marks on the green;
- Do carry a bucket of sand and repair divots on the fairway;
- Do rake bunkers when finished playing out of

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Attachment A - Handicap Table: Strokes Received Calculation

Terminology used in subsequent text

- (e) *Strokes Taken* = *Gross number of strokes played, hole by hole*
 (f) *Strokes Received* = *Strokes to be deducted from Strokes Taken, based on handicap*
 (g) *Nett Score* = *Score remaining after strokes deducted, hole by hole*
 (h) *Points Awarded* = *Stableford points assigned for each play outcome, hole by hole*

<i>Player Handicap</i>	<i>Strokes Received by Player per Hole based on Handicap</i>	
Scratch	0	
1	1 stroke for hole with the Index # 1	
2	1 stroke for holes with the Index # 1, 2	
3	1 stroke for holes with the Index # 1, 2, 3	
4-15	Apply similar calculation	
16	1 stroke for holes with the Index # 1,2,3... 16	
17	1 stroke for holes with the Index # 1,2,3... 17	
18	1 stroke for holes with the Index # 1,2,3... 18 i.e. every hole	
19	2 strokes for hole with the Index # 1 ($19-18 = 1$) 1 stroke for all other holes	
20	2 strokes for holes with the Index # 1,2 ($20-18 = 2$) 1 stroke for all other holes	
21-33	Apply similar calculation	
34	2 strokes for holes with the Index # 1,2,3... 16 ($34-18 = 16$) 1 stroke for all other holes	
35	2 strokes for holes with the Index # 1,2,3... 17 ($35-18 = 17$) 1 stroke for hole with the Index # 18	
36	2 strokes for holes with the Index # 1,2,3... 18 ($36-18=18$) i.e. every hole	
37	3 strokes for hole with the Index # 1 ($37-36 = 1$) 2 stroke for all other holes	
38	3 strokes for holes with the Index # 1,2 ($38-36 = 2$) 2 stroke for all other holes	
39-45	Apply similar calculation	

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Attachment B.1

Sample Stableford Scorecard of J. Smith who has a handicap of 30, ie he receives:
2 strokes for holes with the index rating of 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 and 1 stroke for holes with an index rating of 13, 14,15,16,17 & 18.

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Handicap							
30							
Course Ratings				Player			
Hole	Metres	Par	Index	Nett Score per hole	Strokes Taken	Points Awarded	
1	393	4	9	4	6	2	Pickup after 7 strokes
2	403	4	1	2	4	4	Pickup after 7 strokes
3	474	5	14	4	5	3	Pickup after 7 strokes
4	141	3	13	-	-	-	Pickup after 5 strokes
5	366	4	7	5	7	1	Pickup after 7 strokes
6	350	4	6	3	5	3	Pickup after 7 strokes
7	368	4	5	5	7	1	Pickup after 7 strokes
8	364	4	10	4	6	2	Pickup after 7 strokes
9	112	3	18	2	3	3	Pickup after 5 strokes
Out	2971	35				19	

Result							
Nett (Stableford Points Awarded)							
42							
Course Ratings				Player			
Hole	Metres	Par	Index	Nett Score per hole	Strokes Taken	Points Awarded	
10	123	3	17	1	2	4	Pickup after 5 strokes
11	412	4	4	2	4	4	Pickup after 7 strokes
12	404	4	2	1	3	5	Pickup after 7 strokes
13	158	3	12	4	6	1	Pickup after 6 strokes
14	405	4	3	-	-	-	Pickup after 7 strokes
15	409	5	16	5	6	2	Pickup after 7 strokes
16	351	4	11	3	5	3	Pickup after 7 strokes
17	317	4	15	5	6	1	Pickup after 6 strokes
18	533	5	8	4	6	3	Pickup after 8 strokes
In	3112	36				23	
Out	2971	35				19	
Total						42	

Legend:

Completion is Essential for Gross # of Strokes, and customary for Points Awarded

Completion is Discretionary, and if it helps the player to work out the Pointed Awarded

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Attachment B.2

Sample Stableford Scorecard of J. Blog who has a handicap of 45, ie she receives:
 3 strokes for holes with the index rating of 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and 9 and
 2 strokes for holes with an index rating of 10,11,12,13, 14,15,16,17 & 18.

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16	351	4	11	3	6	3	Pickup after 7 strokes
17	317	4	15	5	7	1	Pickup after 7 strokes
18	533	5	8	4	7	3	Pickup after 9 strokes
In	3112	36				23	
Out	2971	35				19	
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