



Amherstview Golf Course

Two Person Best Ball Match Play

- Match Play - 80% handicap differential (using course handicap)
 - Low golfer in the group plays as a scratch
 - All other golfers will receive 80% of the difference
 - Golfer 1 Handicap $10 - 4 = 6 \times 80\% = 4.8$
 - Golfer 1 receives 1 stroke on 5 hardest holes
 - Golfer 2 Handicap 4
 - Golfer 2 plays from SCRATCH
 - Golfer 3 Handicap $6 - 4 = 2 \times 80\% = 1.6$
 - Golfer 3 receives 1 stroke on 3 hardest holes
 - Golfer 4 Handicap $18 - 4 = 14 \times 80\% = 11.2$
 - Golfer 4 receives 1 stroke on 11 hardest holes
- All golfers **WILL** play from the **Yellow Tees**
- All golfers **MUST** possess a current and valid GAO handicap prior to the first match. Any golfer playing a match without a current and valid GAO will automatically forfeit that match.
 - GAO handicap can be purchased in the pro shop or online at <https://gao.ca/golfer-membership/>
- Team on the top bracket is responsible for booking the match; however, bottom bracket team can also initiate contact
- Match **MUST** be completed by posted date
 - Incomplete matches will be provided one (1) tee time determined by the Games Captain and the AGM.
 - If either team can not participate in this match, the match will be determined by a two (2) out of three (3) coin flip performed by the Games Captain and AGM.
- All grievances and/or rule challenges will be directed to and resolved by the Games Captain and AGM

Definition of Four Ball

Best ball, also known as four-ball, is a golf format in which two golfers partner with one another, each golfer playing his or her own golf ball throughout, and the lower of the partners' scores counting as the team score on each hole.

Four ball is usually played as match play, with two, 2-person teams facing off. In fact, that is where the name "four-ball" comes from: In a four-ball match, there are four golf balls in play on each hole.

Example of Scoring in a Four-Ball Match

So how does scorekeeping work in a four-ball match?

Team 1, consisting of Golfers A and B; and Team 2, consisting of Golfers C and D.

1. On the first hole, all four golfers tee off, and all four golfers in the match play their own golf balls until holed.
2. The partners compare scores:
 - a. Which of them made the better score on the hole?
 - b. If Team 1 gets a 4 from Golfer A and a 6 from Golfer B, then Team 1's score on that hole is 4.
 - c. If Team 2 gets a 3 from Golfer C and a 6 from Golfer D, then Team 2's score on that hole is 3.
 - d. Team 2, in this example, wins the first hole, 3 to 4.

Quick Reference for Four-Ball In the Rules of Golf

Because of the team nature of four-ball, there are a few minor differences in the rules for four-ball competition.

- **Rule 23** - Addresses 87rules differences in four-ball
- **Rule 23.1** - Overview of four-ball
- **Rule 23-2** - Scoring in four-ball
- **Rule 23-3** - When the round starts and ends
- **Rule 23-4** - One or both partners may represent the team
- **Rule 23-5** - Which of your actions affects your partner's play
- **Rule 23-6** - Order of play
- **Rule 23-7** - Partners may share clubs
- **Rule 23-8** - When penalty applies to one partner or both partners