



DIFFERENT TYPES OF GOLF COMPETITION

Stroke play - The most common form of competitive play, in which the score is calculated by counting the total number of strokes taken less the players handicap.

Stableford - Stableford is a scoring system in golf which, rather than counting the total number of strokes taken, involves scoring points based on the number of strokes taken at each hole against the players handicap.

Match play - Match play is a form of play where a player (or players) plays directly against an opponent (or opponents) in a head-to-head match. You win a hole by completing it in the fewest number of strokes, and you win a match when you are winning by more holes than remain to be played. Handicaps are adjusted before start of play.

Scramble - Scramble format involves teams where each player on the team hits a tee shot, and then the players decide which shot they like better. The players then play from that spot. The person(s) who's shot was not taken picks up their ball and moves it to within one club length of the selected spot.

Tombstone - Tombstone is a competition format in which golfers begin the round of golf with an allotment of strokes, then play the golf course until those strokes run out. (Example, course par plus allocated handicap)

Pairs (2 ball) - "Better ball" is a name for a golf competition format in which two golfers play as a team, but each playing his or her own ball throughout. On each hole, the two golfers on a team compare scores. The lower of the two scores - the better ball - counts as the team's score.