

Understanding Stableford Scoring

What It Is, Why It Helps, and What You Need to Do

What is Stableford Scoring?

Stableford is a golf scoring system that awards points based on the number of strokes taken at each hole, relative to par. Instead of counting total strokes, you earn points—so high scores are good, and a single blow-up hole won't ruin your round.

Here's the general point structure:

Score on Hole (Relative to Net Par)	Points
Double bogey or worse (or pickup)	0
Bogey	1
Par	2
Birdie	3
Eagle	4
Albatross	5

Why Use Stableford?

- **Faster rounds:** Once you're out of points range on a hole, you pick up and move on
- **More forgiving:** One bad hole doesn't destroy your round
- **Encourages participation:** Especially for higher-handicap players
- **Globally adopted:** Used by clubs like Royal Troon, Sunningdale, and Royal Sydney for net events.

What You Need to Do in the Club Championship

- **Just write your gross score** per hole—no need to calculate points
- The Pro Shop will convert scores to Stableford format behind the scenes
- If you're more than net double bogey (or, if you're not sure: double par) on a hole, pick up your ball

Tip: *For those with higher handicaps who find net double bogey tricky to figure out, just remember: “**double par**” is a good rule of thumb. If your score is twice the par for the hole, you can safely pick up. Your net will almost certainly be net double bogey or worse at that point.*

Example for a 12-Handicap on Hole #5 (Par 5, Handicap Stroke Index 5)

Gross Score	Net Score	Stableford Points
6	5	2 (net par)
5	4	3 (net birdie)
8	7	0 (pick it up!)

Questions?

The Pro Shop team is happy to answer questions about scoring or your handicap strokes per hole. And don't worry—you don't need to track Stableford points during the round.