

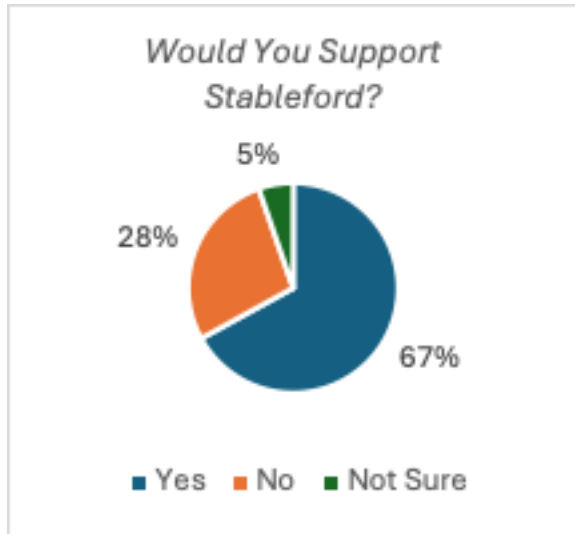
Dear Members,

Thank you to everyone (men's division) who participated in our recent survey on potential changes to the Club Championship format.

Your feedback has helped shape the path forward, and we're excited to announce the following updates:

Stableford Scoring Approved for Handicap Flights

With **67%** of respondents in **support**, we will be introducing **Stableford scoring** for all handicap flights in this year's Club Championship.



Why Stableford?

Members highlighted several key advantages:

- Encourages greater participation—especially from higher-handicap players
- Improves pace of play
- Creates a more relaxed and enjoyable playing experience

Addressing the “Net Champion” Concern

Some members raised concerns about identifying a true “net champion” using Stableford. To address this:

- The **A Flight** will still be scored using traditional stroke play to determine **its own flight champion**
- In parallel, the Pro Shop will administer a **Stableford overlay**, allowing all flights—including A Flight—to feed into an **overall Net Stableford Champion**

This hybrid approach preserves competitive integrity while fostering broader inclusion and engagement.

As with all our competitions, **simply record your gross score on each hole—nothing else is required.** The Pro Shop will handle the rest of the scoring.

Curious about how Stableford works and why it might actually make your Club Championship weekend more enjoyable? Check out the attached explainer or [click here](#).

Stableford Is the Norm at Leading Clubs

This format is not an experiment—it's the standard net competition format at prestigious private clubs around the world, including Royal Troon, Royal Sydney, and Sunningdale. These clubs value Stableford for its ability to keep play moving while making competition accessible across all skill levels. We're simply joining a well-trodden path embraced globally.

Club Championship Weekend – Participation-Only Play?

Also In the survey, we asked whether play on Club Championship Weekend should be limited to those registered in the competition. The idea was simple: even if you're not aiming for glory, you'd need to register for the Net Club Championship in order to play that weekend.

Over 72% of respondents supported this approach. That said, the current number of registered players isn't quite high enough to make this feasible just yet. As participation continues to grow, this option remains very much on the table for future years.

We're aiming to boost participation and create a vibrant, festive atmosphere—with plenty happening to enhance everyone's enjoyment. So, if you haven't registered yet—please do! [Register here!](#)

Best,
Scott Mackenzie

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.