

Thirty/Forty Balls

The object of the game is to have the lowest possible score for your team when using exactly 30/40 Balls for eighteen holes. Keep track of the number of balls used, so you know when the game is over.

After each hole and **before** teeing off on the next hole, the team must decide which player's ball(s) will be used for the hole just completed. They may use all of the balls, 1, 2, 3, or none. There is no requirement to use a certain number of balls from each player, **nor** is there a requirement to use 20 balls on each nine holes.

Record the scores as in "Best Ball (net) gross score/net score. Compare the **net** score to the par for that hole. In Forty Balls, the score is kept as over (+) and under (-) par. Only use the slash for any score being counted for the hole.

Example:

For a player with a 1 handicap stroke, a 5/4 would represent a gross score of 5 and a net score of 4. On a par 3 hole, the score 5/4 would be represented as +1 (over par). On a par 4 hole, 5/4 would be scored as a 0 (even par) and on a par 5 hole, the score would be -1 (1 under par.)

After computing each player's score in relation to par, decide which scores to use for the hole. Scores that are under par or even par are preferred. Add the scores being used together and record at the bottom of that hole on the "Team Score" line on the scorecard.

Example:

On a par 4 hole, if Player A takes 6 strokes to get the ball in the hole and she receives 1 handicap stroke, her net score is 5. Her score is recorded as 6/5 and since 5 is one more than par she is +1 for the hole. Her partner, player B, takes 5 strokes and also receives 1 handicap stroke (5/4). Player B's net score is 0 or even par. Player C also scores a 5, but receives 2 strokes (5/3) on the par 4. Player C's net score is -1. Player D shoots an 8, with 1 handicap stroke (8/7) and is +3 over par.

Since player D is over par, the team immediately disregards her score. Since player A was also over par, the team would probably not use her score either....although if the team is behind in getting to 40 balls they might use player A. If the decision is made to use Player B's and Player C's balls, add the scores together (0 and -1) for a total of -1 for that hole.

For each separate hole, record the score below par, even with par, or over par for your team. Also, record the number of balls counted and slashed for each hole. At the end of each nine holes, add up the amount under or over par and the number of balls used.

*****Threesomes:** If you are a threesome going for 30 balls, you must divide your team's final total by 3 to determine your average. Then, multiply this average times 4 to compare your score to other foursomes in your flight.