

Four Ball

Four Ball is a match pitting two teams of two players (a total of four balls being played, hence the name) against each other using [better-ball](#) scoring.

All four players play their own ball throughout; at the end of each hole, the low score between the two partners on each team is that team's score. For example, Players A and B form one team. On the first hole, A scores a 5, B scores a 6, so the team score is 5.

Four Ball can be played as stroke play or match play and is one of the formats used at the [Ryder Cup](#).

Handicap allowances for various Four Ball competitions can be found in the USGA Handicap Manual, Section 9-4 (www.usga.com).

Tournaments called [2-Person Best Ball](#) are similar but not exactly the same. A Four Ball is team vs. team; a [Best Ball](#) tournament might be team vs. team or team vs. field.