

## **Irish Four Ball**

In Irish Four Ball, teams of four golfers - each playing his or her own ball throughout - use a [Stableford](#) or [Modified Stableford](#) scoring system. The scores of a predetermined number of team members per hole are combined for one team score. For example, if the low two scores are being counted on a given hole, and those scores are 0 and 1 (Stableford, remember), then the team score on that hole is 1.

There are many variations to an Irish Four Ball (sometimes called Irish Stableford). Many Irish Four Balls use the two low balls per hole throughout the tournament. A more popular variation calls for the number of scores per hole to vary throughout the round in this fashion:

Holes 1-6: One low ball

Holes 7-11: Two low balls

Holes 12-15: Three low balls

Holes 16-18: All four scores

(Some using the above format eliminate the one-low ball option, and play six holes each using two low balls, three and four.)