

SIR BRANCH 159 GOLF - SHAMBLE RULES

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1) Shamble, like Scramble, is not a reportable event, and will not affect a player's handicap index. Teams (3 or 4 players) are made up by the current pairing software program currently in use by the Event Manager. Shamble tournaments are subject to all USGA and SIRs Branch 159 general golf rules, except as otherwise modified.

No two-man teams: it is recommended that the two players play individual stroke golf.

2) No-shows, late cancels, late signups, etc, will cause last minute changes that affect team pairings. Please advise the Monthly Tournament Chairman (his name was identified in the pairings blast email) of any changes as soon as you know.

3) SCORING: Shamble is a team net event with full handicap. The Event Chairman will calculate the team score which can be the best 2 or 3 or 4 net scores per hole, whichever is called for. Pops will be displayed on your scorecard. The player with the lowest handicap is responsible for marking each player gross score for each hole, without any maximum strokes, AND for marking whose drive was used on each par 4 or 5 holes (mark in the upper corner a dot, or little D, or a slash). Failure to do so will result in the team automatic disqualification.

4) TEAM PLAY:

- Par 3 holes: Every player plays their own ball from the tee to the hole.
- Par 4 holes: Select best drive; then everyone plays their own ball from the 2nd shot to the hole.
- Par 5 holes: Select best drive; then select best 2nd shot; then everyone plays their own ball from the 3rd shot to the hole.

5) DRIVES REQUIREMENT (4-man team):

- Par 3 holes: Every player plays their own ball from tee to the hole.
- Par 4 & 5 holes: The players with the two lowest handicaps shall have a minimum of 3 drives each. The players with the two highest handicaps shall have no less than 3 drives combined in any order.
- If two players have the same handicap, they decide with their team members who shall be the highest or lowest of the two for drive requirement purposes.

6) DRIVES REQUIREMENT (3-man team):

- Same rule as for 4man team except, NO player takes 2 shots per hole like in Scramble, but a Blind Draw (BD) net score for the missing 4th player will be randomly assigned. Any player with a handicap 23 or above shall be deemed to be a high handicap for drive requirement purpose.

7) PREFERRED LIE:

- On best drive and on 2nd best shot (par 5's only), the ball can be played within 1 club-length of any best-ball selected, but
 - Not closer to the hole, Not out of hazards/sand traps, Not from fairway onto green.
 - But it is OK to place from rough to fairway.

8) On the green, please NO gimmies, putt until your ball is in the hole.