

# Special Event Profile:

## 2-Man Best Ball

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In 2022, the USGA changed its guidelines on handicapping for Four Ball Stroke Play (a.k.a. 2-Man Best Ball) events. They eliminated the 8-stroke difference rule and reduced the percentage of handicap for all competitors from 90% to 85%. In accordance with these changes, we have updated our handicap allowance for this event as shown below.

### Format:

- 2-man Team
- 18 holes
- The team's best net score (of the 2 net scores) will be counted on each hole.

### Handicap Allowance:

- Each player's Event Handicap will be equal to 85% of Men's Club Course Handicap.
- Allowances are based on the USGA recommendation for this format.

### Team Selection:

Players must sign up with a partner.

### Event Play:

- Each player plays his own ball on every hole.
- Record each player's **gross (actual) score** for each hole in the online scoring system/scorecard.
- The team's best net score (of the 2 net scores) will be counted on each hole.
- Player's net score for each hole will be determined by reducing his gross score by one stroke (two strokes when warranted) on any hole where a player's Event Handicap is equal to, or higher than, the assigned course handicap for the hole.
- When a player's Event Handicap does not dictate receiving a one-stroke reduction based on the course handicap for the hole, the player's net score for the hole will be equal to his gross (actual) score.
- After the completion of play, the Scoring Committee will use the scoring system to calculate/determine the best net score on each hole. The sum of these net scores will represent the team's score on each hole; and, ultimately, the 18-hole total team score for the event.
- Each team's placement (order of finish) in the event will be based on the 18-hole total team score.

### Payouts & Skins Game:

- The number of places paid and corresponding Pro Shop credit amounts will be determined, and announced, in advance based on the portion of the Men's Club budget that has been allocated for this event.
- Each player on winning teams will receive equal shares of Pro Shop credits assigned for that place. Pro Shop credits are credited to each player's account by The Falls staff after payouts are announced to the Club.
- **\$20 OPTIONAL TEAM SKINS.** Team skins game is optional for this event. In order to be eligible for the team skins game, the entire \$20 must be paid by the team as skins will be awarded by team for this event. **Team net score for skins will be determined in the same way as the team's hole-by-hole score for the Event.** Skins payout amounts will be determined by the total amount in the skins pot divided by the number of team skins outstanding. There will be no division of skins pot based on playing tee box for this event.

### Appendix I: Handicap Examples

**Example 1:**

Player A has a Men's Club Course Handicap of **7** and his partner (Player B) has a Men's Club Course Handicap of **18**. Applying the recommended 85% handicap allowance for this tournament format, Player A would be reduced to a handicap of **6** ( $7 \times 85\% = 5.95$ ), and Player B would be reduced to a handicap of **15** ( $18 \times 85\% = 15.3$ ). Player A's Event Handicap would be **6**, and Player B's event handicap would be **15**.

**Example 2:**

Player A has a Men's Club Course Handicap of **6** and his partner (Player B) has a Men's Club Course Handicap of **13**. Applying the recommended 85% handicap allowance for this tournament format, Player A would be reduced to a handicap of **5** ( $6 \times 85\% = 5.1$ ), and Player B would be reduced to a handicap of **11** ( $13 \times 85\% = 11.05$ ). Player A's Event Handicap would be **5**, and Player B's event handicap would be **11**.

