

Golf Scoring

General Information

The Golf Overview contest of General Information, Club Selection, and Scoring. Golf is a game with many variables. The two major variables are distance to the hole and course management. Say a stream runs in front of the green. The distance to the hole is as important as the distance to the stream. A lay-up shot may be the best shot in order to make Par. This is called course management.

In Golf there are two major rules to follow; keep the ball in the fairway (in play) and have fun. Having Fun is the most important rule to follow.

TV golf consists of the best players having a good day. It is not your average player. A good day is when the major clubs (Driver, Irons, and Putter) works well together. A good day is when all three major clubs works. An average day is when two of the major club types work. A bad day is when one major club type works. When having a bad day it is common to hear that you are doing too much thinking and not enough drinking.

Golf is a game of many variables. The major variables are distance to the hole, hole location, course management, and club selection. A professional may use 2 clubs shorter than the average player. Control is better than Distance. Control comes with much practice. I have played behind 4 old men that could not hit the ball over 175 yards but they were always shooting for Par.

Clubs start off longer and have a lower loaf. So each club has a different length and loaf. The lower the number the longer the distance. Example, a 3 iron will hit farther than a 7 iron.

Holes are placed at random for each golf course. Commonly each 9 consists of 2 par 3's, 2 par 5's and 5 par 4's, making par at 36 for each 9 holes. Par 3's are 80 to 250 yards, par 4's are 350 to 450 yards, and par 5's are 500 to 650 yards in length. These lengths are guidelines.

The tee box is where the ball is first hit for each hole. You may use a "tee" only at the tee box. It is normal for each hole to have four tee boxes. There are Black, Blue, White, and Gold (Women's). Each tee box is farther from the hole, with the Black is where the professionals use. The average golfer use the White tee box.

Professionals do not use handicaps, what you see is what you get. The average player has a handicap. This helps the average player to contend with the professionals.

Hole	Player	PAR	Score	Yardage	Ranking	Picture Type
1		3		150	1	Straight
2		3		175	2	Dog Leg - Left
3		5		500	3	Dog Leg - Right
4		5		575	4	
5		4		350	5	
6		4		375	6	
7		4		400	7	
8		4		425	8	
9		4		450	9	
Totals		36				

The golf course consist of 18 holes. The first 9 holes is called the front 9 and the second 9 holes is called the back 9. The back 9 is also called "after the turn".

Club Selection

Most Drivers and Fairway Woods are metal clubs. The major difference with the Driver is the length of the club and size of the head. The Driver head size can be 460cc in size. It is very hard to hit the Driver without a tee. It is common to use a Driver on par 4's and par 5's from the tee box.

Clubs range in length and loft. The shorter the club the greater the accuracy (in general). To improve one's score it is better to get to the shorter the club as fast as possible. The distance between clubs range from 10 - 20 yards and may vary with people.

Course management is also a consideration in a lower score. Again this is a game of many variables. One must use what works for oneself.

A finesse shot are shots that are between clubs in distance. It is mainly used around the green and on the green. Many people use hybrid clubs today. They hit long like a fairway wood but hits more like a iron. Other items like balls, shoes, gloves are to your choice

Clubs	Distance/Yards	Type	Comments
Driver	> 250	Wood	Used on par 4's and par 5's with distances > 250 yards.
3 Wood	250	Wood	Used on par 4's with distances around 220 - 240 yards.
5 Wood	230	Wood	Used on par 4's with distances around 200 - 230 yards.
3	190	Iron - Long	Considered easier to hit than a fairway wood.
4	175	Iron - Long	Considered easier to hit than a fairway wood.
5	160	Iron - Long	Easiest to hit for the long irons.
6	150	Iron Med	Good all around club.
7	140	Iron Med	Good all around club.
8	120	Iron Med	Good all around club.
9	105	Iron - Short	Good club to use.
Wedge	95	Iron - Short	Good club to use.
P	80	Iron - Short	Good club to use around the green.
S	Sand	Sand	Good club to use around the green.
Chipper	50	Special	Best for a bump and run with a straight shot to the hole.
Putter	Green	Green	Use on or near the green.

Score:

Hole in One	-2	Par 3 Only. 2 under par.
Eagle	-2	2 under par.
Birdie	-1	1 under par
Par	scratch	Par.
Bogie	1	1 over par.
Double Bogie	2	2 over par.
Triple Bogie	3	3 over par.
Snowman	4	The average player does not take more than an 8.

PAR, 1st 9 Holes 36

PAR, 2nd 9 Holes 36

72 PAR for 18 Holes of Golf is 72. All Golf is measured against PAR. 18 Holes of Golf is called 1 round of Golf. A 72 is a Par Golfer.

90 A +18 is a Bogie Golfer.

54 A -18 is a Birdie Golfer. No one is a Birdie Golfer.

72 A TV tournament for a professional consist of 72 Holes of Golf. This is 18 Holes of Golf a day, played over 4 days. It is common to start play on Thursday and conclude on Sunday.

I can hit a Driver 290 yards on a good day. My average is 250 yards. A professional can hit the Driver 350 yards and average about 300 yards.

Say a PAR 4 is 400 yards, 250 yards to the 150 marker and 150 yards to the Hole. In regulation, 2 shots to get on the green and 2 putts makes Par. The 2nd shot is the most important shot of all. The 2nd shot determines if one has a chance at PAR or better.

For all Par 4's, a professional hits a short iron on his/her 2nd shot with greater accuracy than the average Golfer.

A Leader wins a Golf tournament with a score in the low negatives (sub par). It is common that a -11 wins the tournament.

This represents a combined score over four days. The Golfer and the Weather are the two biggest variables here.

On a good day I can shoot in the low 80's. On a average day I shoot in the low 90's. On a bad day I shoot in the low 100's.

A professional Golfer can not use a golf cart, range finder, or a Chipper club. The average golfer (amateur) can use these items. For Golf Rules, Golf Equipment, or Golf Apparel see the Internet.