



SHAMBLE FORMAT - How it Works

One key aspect of the shamble format involves players teeing off on each hole and then selecting the best drive from which to continue play. This allows players to take advantage of a strong opening shot and sets the stage for individual play for the rest of the hole.

The shamble format is as follows:

1. Players tee off from the following Tee boxes:
 - o BLUE TEES
 - o Golfers over 60 – WHITE TEES
 - o Ladies – GOLD TEES
2. Best drive selection: Players choose the best tee shot among their group to continue playing from. Maximum of 6 drives for any one golfer.
3. Individual play: After the best tee shot is chosen, each player plays their ball for the remainder of the hole.
4. The tournament will be scored using the PEORIA scoring system. (see below)

What is the Peoria Handicap System?

If you've played in a golf tournament, chances are the Peoria Handicap System was used to determine final scores for teams and awards.

While the Peoria Handicap System is not as accurate as the measure of a traditional handicap index and calculation, it is often used as a 1-day handicapping system for tournaments or events. Typically, many of the golfers playing in these tournaments or events do not yet have a real handicap index, and by using the Peoria Handicap System, the golf course hosting the event is able to establish a quick calculation for a handicap index to be applied to each golfer's score.

How Does it Work?

Prior to the beginning of a tournament or event, the golf course general manager will secretly select six holes. Usually, there are two par 3s, two par 4s, and two par 5s, and likely one of each type per nine. However, they can be any of the holes of the golf course, as they are chosen at random. The routing and composition of the golf course is the determining factor for selecting the "secret holes", and the competitors are not allowed to know which holes they are.