

## Texas Scramble Rules

Texas Scramble is not recognized as a form of golf by the R&A so Clubs often have their own and different Rules. To avoid disputes, the following Rules apply to Texas Scramble competitions played at London Beach by the Vets.

1. The Captain may stipulate conditions of entry such as the team selection, the minimum number of tee shots to be taken by each player (normally four), tees to be used, regular or winter rules etc as appropriate.
2. The competition will normally involve teams of four. The team's handicap shall be the total of the players' handicaps divided by 10.  
e..g.  $10+18+20+25 = 73$  divided by  $10 = 7.3$ .  
Any team which is a player short will receive 1.8 shots added to the above team handicap.
3. The team score for each hole is to be noted on the card with all scores added together at the end of the round. The team's handicap is then deducted from the total gross to give the nett score for the round.
4. All players drive from every tee unless they have already played all their required tee shots and do not wish to drive. When all players have driven off, one ball must be selected as the position from which all team players will hit their second shots. The player whose ball is selected must mark its position and play first without lifting his ball. The mark must be placed 6" to the right of the ball, at the same distance from the hole as the ball.
5. The remainder of the team must **place** their balls (on the fairway and in the rough), within 6" of the mark, not nearer the hole, everywhere on the course except on the putting green where it must be placed 6" to the left of the mark and in a bunker where it must be placed within a **12" radius** of the mark not nearer the hole. A dropped ball which rolls nearer to the hole than the mark must be lifted and redropped.
6. Once a ball has been selected, marked and played by the player whose ball it is, the rest of the team play from that position in any order they wish. No provisional or second ball may be played unless all players have shot out of bounds.
7. Should a player break a rule of golf where the penalty would normally be 1 or 2 strokes that stroke may be cancelled under no penalty providing the ball is not selected for the next shot. If the team wishes to use that ball for the next shot they must add the normal penalty stroke(s).
8. Should a ball be selected which lies in a bunker the ball must first be marked by the player whose ball it is, within 6" of the ball in the nearest possible position but not nearer the hole. He must then play his ball as it lies. The following players must drop within a **12" radius** of the mark, not nearer the hole, but still within the bunker. They may rake the bunker prior to their shots. Should it not be possible for the first player to mark the ball within the bunker, the ball must be dropped outside the bunker, on a line from where the ball lay to the hole, as far back as desired, and a **one stroke penalty** incurred.
9. Should a ball be selected which is in a water hazard the usual options are available to the team. They may play the ball as it lies under no penalty or may drop a ball under the water hazard rules and must apply a **one stroke penalty** to the team score for the hole.
10. Should a situation arise which is not covered by these rules, players must follow R&A Rules. In any dispute, the Captain's ruling shall be final.