

Eclectic Tournament

An eclectic tournament is a multi-round golf tournament that results in one 18-hole score per player. Golfers compare their scorecards for each [round](#) and select the lowest score for each hole. That's their eclectic score. An eclectic tournament can be contested over consecutive days.

Figuring An Eclectic Score

Eclectics work this way:

- Each golfer plays the designated number of rounds on the same course.
- At the conclusion of those rounds, the golfer (or tournament committee) compares his scores on each [hole](#) per round.
- The lowest score made on each hole is recorded for the eclectic, producing one 18-hole score.

For example, let's say the eclectic is made up of three rounds. In the first round, the golfer scores a 6 on the first hole; in the second round, he scores a 7 on the same hole; and in the third round, he scores a 4. The lowest of those three scores on the first hole is a 4, so 4 is the golfer's eclectic score.

Depending on the golfers' [handicap](#), they subtract strokes from their hole-by-hole scores. For example, a golfer with a handicap of 8 would subtract a stroke from their score on the eight most difficult holes as indicated on the scorecard. On the other 10 holes, their gross score must be used. On the other hand, a golfer with a handicap of 20 would subtract two strokes on each of the two most difficult holes and one stroke per hole on each of the remaining 16 holes.