

One-Man Scramble Rules and Format

The rules are basically the same as in a standard four-person scramble with one big difference – this is an individual format. This format will be played in threesomes to speed play along.

Double Mulligan Format – Each player will be allowed to hit two (2) “mulligans” on each hole. Players cannot use more than one mulligan on one shot (only one mulligan per shot). Mulligans can be used on any shot from the tee through the green, including putts. Players will choose their best shot and mark the ball within one club-length (no closer to the hole) and continue play from that point. Players may not use the one club-length to extricate themselves from a hazard, bunker, or rough. Players may not use the one club-length to move onto the putting surface. Players may not use the one club-length on the putting surface, instead 6 inches on the putting surface of the fringe. All shots will be played as “Winter Rules” (lift, clean, and place). Unused mulligans cannot be “carried over” to the next hole. The decision to use a mulligan must be made immediately at the point from which each shot was taken.

Maximum Score – Maximum score allowed on a hole is NET double bogey.

Scramble Strategies – Every player knows their own strengths and weaknesses as a golfer. Players will have plenty of opportunities to correct their mistakes but they will be faced with decisions many times during the round of when to use them. Players that hit an “acceptable” drive or lay-up, for example, may choose to save the mulligans for the approach shot or the chip and / or putt.

Bunkers – If a player uses a mulligan in a bunker, they must place the second ball within one club-length as long as the ball stays in the bunker, and the bunker may be raked before placing the second ball.

Lateral Hazards – All USGA rules for lateral hazards (red stake areas) and water hazards (yellow stake areas) will apply as relates to penalty shots and ball placement. If a player chooses to use a mulligan in a lateral / water hazard, the one club-length rule is in effect, but the placed ball must remain in the lateral / water hazard. If a player chooses to play the ball from the lateral / water hazard without a mulligan, all USGA rules apply (no ground the club, play the ball as it lies, no moving or removing loose impediments, etc.). The player must find and hit the original ball from its original position.

How do the mulligans work? – You hit a drive and if you like it, you don’t have to hit another one. You go to your ball, and just like in a regular scramble, you put a tee in the ground to

mark your spot, clean off the ball, and place it back down within one club-length, and hit the shot. If you hit a mulligan, you place the ball and hit another shot from the same area. You then choose the better shot of the two. You DO NOT have to play the mulligan if the original shot was better. Remember, only one (1) mulligan per shot, and no carrying over unused mulligans to the next hole.

Is there more strategy with the Double Mulligan format? – Yes! Players will learn very quickly that getting your drive in play is important. The best strategy is to hit a good drive and save one mulligan for the approach shot and one mulligan for the green.