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HOW TO KEEP SCORE WITHOUT A PENCIL



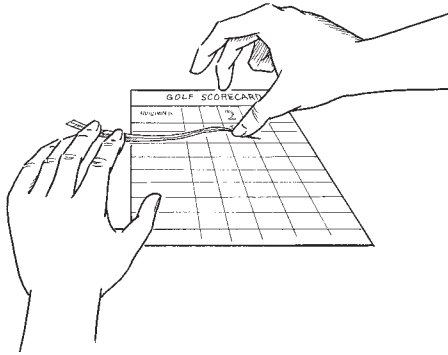
Use mental tabulation to keep track of the number of shots over or under par you are for the round.

Start at zero. If after the first hole you are two shots over par, you should remember your score as +2. After the second hole, if you are one shot under par, your score is +2-1, or 1. Shooting par does not change your total (+/- 0). At the end of the round, take the course's total par and add or subtract the final number (72 + 9, for example). This method will only assess your cumulative score for the round. It will not help you keep track of your score on each hole.

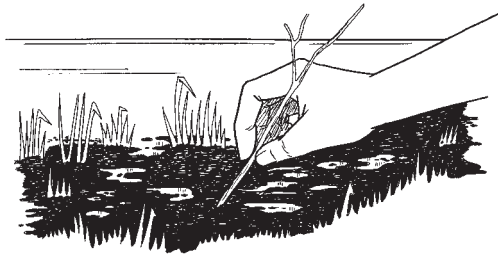


Use an alternate writing implement.

- **GOLF TEE**—Scratch your score onto the scorecard using the pointed end of a golf tee. Press hard to make the number visible. Rubbing dirt lightly over the scorecard and blowing away the excess may make the numbers more legible.
- **STICK OR KEY**—Use the pointed end of a piece of wood or a key to scratch out your score. If you are unable to read the scratch marks, dip the key or small pointed stick into mud or wet dirt, then mark your score onto the card. If you have a match and can char the end of the stick, this may also help. You may also be able to use the charred end of the match itself.



Mark the card by running your fingernail over a blade of grass.



Use the end of a stick dipped in mud.

- **GRASS OR FRESH LEAF**—Find a wide blade of grass or a leaf, position it over the scorecard, and run a fingernail over it to leave a stain of a number or hash marks representing your score.
- **MAKEUP**—Lipstick, eyebrow pencil, or mascara may also work as a writing implement.

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