



Changes to Golf Croquet Handicapping in WA

Croquetwest would like to inform the croquet community of a fairly significant change in the way we calculate and process Golf Croquet handicaps. These changes were proposed by the World Croquet Federation (WCF) and have recently been adopted by the ACA. Croquetwest has now agreed to adopt these changes and align with the ACA and WCF standards.

There are a number of changes to the calculation of GC handicaps, with the most significant being that:

- a) handicap points will now be exchanged in doubles games as well as singles games, and
- b) players on handicaps of 12, 11 and 10 do not lose index points in either doubles or singles.

Further information about the calculation changes will be sent to clubs soon however the following links are available on the ACA website:

1. GC Handicap Regulations

<http://www.croquet-australia.com.au/Handicapping/GC/GC%20Handicap%20Regulations%202014.4docx.pdf>

2. GC Handicap Rules

[http://croquet-australia.com.au/Golf_Croquet/The%20Rules%20of%20Golf%20Croquet%20\(ACA\)%20-%20Effective%201%20January%202014docx.pdf](http://croquet-australia.com.au/Golf_Croquet/The%20Rules%20of%20Golf%20Croquet%20(ACA)%20-%20Effective%201%20January%202014docx.pdf)

As you are aware, in WA we currently have a centralised method of updating GC handicaps with the Tournament Manager (TM) providing results to Handicap for calculation and processing. Given the changes to GC handicapping, this method will become unviable due to the additional workload introduced by this change. After much consideration Management has decided to introduce the decentralised, card based method of handicapping which is the process used by all other states.

What does this mean for players?

This means individuals will have their own GC handicap card, they will do their own handicap calculations after each game during a tournament and will need to provide the TM with their updated handicap at the end of the tournament. The TM will send this to the handicapper for publishing on the website.

Here is the link to the latest handicaps list to get the Player ID and starting handicap.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwPgggDugQ80N1Ata2dhNUJuVjg/preview>

The GC handicap calculation changes and the use of the handicap cards are effective as of 1/1/14. The first tournament impacted by this is the Vic Park Flexi Doubles on 18/19 January. Croquetwest will attend this tournament to hand out the GC handicap cards and provide assistance to players in completing them.

In order to help clubs transition to the new process, Croquetwest will send out instructions and handicap cards to all clubs. We will also (where possible) provide a trained person during the tournament to assist players in filling out their handicap cards. This is a new process so we fully understand the need to provide training, and we are committed to helping clubs and easing the transition process.

Could you please publish this on your notice boards and share with your GC members? Stay posted for more information!

While Croquetwest will be sending out printed GC handicap cards to all clubs, they can also be printed from this link:

<http://www.croquet-australia.com.au/Handicapping/GC/GC%20Handicap%20Card%2012%20January.pdf>

If you have any questions please submit them via the Contact Us form on the website.