

<p style="text-align: center;">Croquet Australia Handicapping Circular #3</p>

(1) Players Withdrawing from an Event

At times players withdraw from an event. Some withdrawals are unavoidable perhaps because of injury or illness, others because they are not playing very well.

Regardless of the reason for a withdrawal, the consequences are the same. As far as the actual event is concerned, all scores are deleted and it is as if that player never entered the event at all. However, for Handicapping all games completed are entered on the cards of the players concerned. If a withdrawal occurs during a game, that game should be recorded as a loss to the person who withdraws.

The reason for that is twofold. Firstly, games completed should be awarded to whoever won them, whether it be the person pulling out or not. The games were played in good faith and must be recorded on their handicap cards.

Secondly, it should help to overcome the problem of players who may consider pulling out of an event when they are not playing particularly well in the belief that the game would not be recorded. All games completed or started must be recorded.

(2) Handicap Changes for Golf Croquet Players

On the front of the National Golf Croquet Handicap Card is the statement,

“Your handicap changes as soon as your index reaches a trigger point given in Table A which corresponds to a handicap different from your current handicap.”

A similar statement appears in the new Regulations in the Appendix at no. 4 that states,

“A player’s handicap changes only when their index reaches a trigger point given in Table C which corresponds to a handicap different to their current handicap.”

(By the way Table A and Table C are identical in each case.)

Players who play both Golf and Association Croquet immediately noted that this was different from the rules regarding Association Croquet where a change in handicap does not occur until the end of an event. They were correct, because it is different.

In Golf croquet the change occurs as soon as a trigger point has been reached even if they have several more games to play in that particular event. We have tried to find out the reason for the difference but so far have been unsuccessful. As the ACA has adopted the new WCF Golf Croquet Rules, that is what we will be doing and it is important that players keep that in mind when filling out cards.

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