



Golf Croquet Handicapping Regulations

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AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION

HANDICAPPING REGULATIONS (Golf Croquet)

Overview

These Handicapping Regulations apply to all Golf Croquet competitions conducted within Australia and all accredited international matches.

These regulations are based on the revised Golf Croquet Rules approved by the WCF on 26 November 2013 and adopted by the Australian Croquet Association (ACA).

The *Handicapping Regulations (Golf Croquet)* need to be read in conjunction with *The Rules of Golf Croquet, 2013 Edition*, specifically Rule 16 (Handicaps) and the Appendix entitled "Regulations for an Automatic Handicap System". The major modification to them relate to Australia's State structures. ACA has chosen not to vary the Range of Handicaps (0-12) used in matches.

The major changes to the previous regulations are:

- handicap points are now exchanged in Doubles games as well as Singles games
- players on GC handicaps of 10, 11 & 12 do not lose index points in either Singles or Doubles games.

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THE REGULATIONS

1. Definitions

- 1.1 Croquet Australia also means Australian Croquet Association.
- 1.2 AHS GC Card means the Automatic Handicapping System Card for Golf Croquet issued by ACA. The cards are available on the Croquet Australia website www.croquet-australia.com.au for printing as needed.
- 1.3. A State, Club or Tournament Handicapper is an Official Handicapper who has been elected or appointed to that position by the agreed procedures of the relevant State or Club, or by Croquet Australia.
- 1.4. Golf Croquet players in these Regulations are members of croquet clubs in Australia who play Golf Croquet and are affiliated (through their Club and State) to Croquet Australia. They are herein referred to as players. Players will be allocated an ID number when they commence playing competitive games and will generally retain this ID number throughout their croquet career, although states may elect to issue a new ID number if a player moves from one state to another.

- 1.5. 'Tournament' is an Official Tournament organised and run by Croquet Australia, State Association or Club. A tournament may consist of a single event or several events (eg. Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Open Doubles).
- 1.6. 'Event' is a single competitive event, open to a defined range of players, and expected to have a single winner. Social events are excluded. An event may be a part, or independent, of a tournament.
- 1.7. 'Match' is either a single game or best-of-X games.
- 1.8. 'Competitive games' are those which are part of an event. They are governed by Tournament Regulations and *The Rules of Golf Croquet*, and include but are not limited to
 - 1.7.1. Tournament games
 - 1.7.2. Interclub, interstate and international games; and
 - 1.7.3. Club competitions
- 1.9. 'Player's Handicap' is a number used to determine the number of extra turns to be given or received in handicap play (Rule 16). It may also determine whether the player is eligible for a particular event.
- 1.10. 'Player's Index' is a number recorded on the AHS GC Card, which changes after each competitive game. When the index changes sufficiently, it will trigger a change in handicap.

2. **Players**

Any player wishing to enter singles or doubles competitions or play competitive singles and doubles matches shall be entitled to do so only if they comply with these Regulations.

Players shall:

- 2.1. Complete an accurate entry on an official Croquet Australia Golf Croquet AHS GC Card for each competitive game played.
- 2.2. If their handicap changes as a result of any game played during an event players are to have the Official Handicapper check and sign their card confirming the change before playing any other games or as soon as practical.
- 2.3. Immediately advise their Club Handicapper of handicap changes.
- 2.4. Show their official AHS GC card to Tournament or Competition Managers and Handicappers on request.

3. **The National Handicapper**

The National Handicapper (appointed by Croquet Australia) will have a role in developing and recommending overall policy, such as changes to the AHS. The National Handicapper will act as a point of reference to State Handicappers, and if appropriate to Club Handicappers

4. **State Handicappers**

State Handicappers shall fulfil the role of the National Handicapper as it is described in Point 6 of the Appendix to *The Rules of Golf Croquet*, 2013 entitled "Regulations for an Automatic Handicap System."

5. Tournament Manager

The Tournament Manager shall:

- 5.1. Cooperate with the Tournament Handicapper to check that player handicaps are accurately recorded at the time they commence play in an event.
- 5.2. At the end of an event record on an AHS1 Form the details of any player whose handicap has changed during the event and immediately forward it to the State Handicapper if required.

6. Tournament Handicapper

Tournament Handicappers shall:

- 6.1. At the start of an event assist the Tournament Manager in checking and accurate recording of player handicaps.
- 6.2. Be responsible for all handicapping issues during an event.
- 6.3. Sign off the AHS GC cards of all players whose handicaps change during an event. When signing off a card for a handicap change a Handicapper should check the calculations leading to the changes in handicap and ensure that recent games have been properly entered on the card.
- 6.4. During events have discretion to make non-automatic handicap changes for any player if their improvement is outpacing progress on their card. Any such changes shall be effective immediately.
- 6.5. Record and initial on a player's card non-automatic handicap changes as they are made.
- 6.6. Ensure that an Assistant Manager or other person is designated to perform the duties of Tournament Handicapper at subsidiary tournament venues.

7. Handicap Card Use When Playing Overseas

Croquet Australia, the New Zealand Croquet Council and the Croquet Association (UK) have agreed to allow Australian cardholders to use their Australian cards when playing in overseas tournaments.