Croquet Australia Handicapping Circular #1

(1) Clarification of Regulation 3.7

It has become evident that some clarification and interpretation needs to be made regarding Handicapping Regulation 3.7 which is as follows:

Match Players shall:

3.7 if at the end of an event has reached or passed a "trigger point" causing a handicap change, have the Tournament Handicapper confirm the change and sign their cards before leaving the event. The handicap change occurs at the end of the event.

Some Tournaments consist of a group of separate events such as Open Singles, Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Handicap Singles as an example.

If events within a Tournament are discrete, that is, each one is completed before the next one commences, then the handicap change occurs at the end of each event.

The members of the Handicap Committee have become aware that some events within a tournament are not discrete. That is, a player could play a few games, in the Open, some games in the Men's event, then some in the Open again.

If events within a Tournament are not discrete, then the handicap change occurs at the end of the tournament.

(2) AHS1 Form

Many players have commented that the ACA web site is wrong because it does not match what is on their cards. This will always be the case because the web site is brought up-to-date only when Tournament Handicappers send results to the State and National Handicappers.

In order to speed up this process we are asking for all Tournament Handicappers to complete form AHS1 form which is available from the ACA web site or from State Handicappers. We request that both *index changes* and *handicaps* for all players be returned on this form.

The details required on form AHS1 are the player's handicap and index points at the start of an event and at the end of that event.

National Handicap Committee

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