

Croquet Australia

Handicapping Circular #6

(1) Alteration to the First Paragraph of the Handicapping Regulations

Please add the following words in bold type to the first paragraph on page 1 of the Handicapping Regulations, which should then read as follows:

These handicapping regulations apply to all tournaments/competitions conducted in accordance with the ACA Association Regulations for Tournaments within Australia **and all accredited international matches.**

Rationale:

Now that many of our players are travelling overseas, it is important that we gather as many results and consequently index points as possible so that in time, our Australian Handicap System will reflect more accurately compared with overseas countries.

What needs to be done?

- Contact the ACA Handicapper who will give you a handicap equivalent to one in the country you are to visit
- Put that Handicap on the front section of your current Australian card
- Use your card, then add and subtract index points as normal from the last index on your card
- Have your card signed if you reach or pass a trigger point
- Continue using your card on your return home with your Australian Handicap

(2) Handicap Card use when playing Overseas

The National Handicap Committee has come to arrangements with both New Zealand and the U.K. to allow Australian cardholders to use their Australian card when playing in overseas tournaments.

- When playing in the U.K. use your card exactly the same as you do here. Simply add or subtract index points and enter them on your card.
- When playing in New Zealand, before you go, contact National Handicapper, Ray Howell and he will give you a NZ handicap to use while you are away. Tell your opponent what your NZ Handicap is and enter all scores on your Australian card in just the same way as you do here.

(3) Eligibility to Play in an Event

At times a player may enter a tournament on one handicap but reach or pass a trigger point before the event starts. For example in a tournament advertised for a handicap range such as for players from 5 to 10. There could be two scenarios with a 5 moving to a 4 or a 10 moving to 11.

If these players were ruled out of playing, it would make running a tournament a nightmare. Therefore Tournament Managers should allow such players to play. However, the player must use the new handicap when filling in the card.

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