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# GOLF AUSTRALIA HANDICAPPING SYSTEM

## (Copyright) – *Summary of Changes*

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The *DRAFT – Golf Australia Handicapping System* was amended by the Golf Australia Rules, Amateur Status, Handicapping, and Course Rating Committee following consideration of the extensive feedback provided through the current Handicapping & Course Rating Review.

The changes are:

- Definition of Australian Men's Handicap: the reference to “female” was removed
- Section 4.1 - “*When a player plays within a formally-structured competition field (which has used formally-structured tee-times) but does not actually enter the competition, their score **must** still be used for handicapping purposes if they conformed with the Rules and Golf and their score was attested by a marker*”: MUST changed to MAY and “NB the committee must determine prior to the commencement of the round” included.
- Section 8.1 – The reference that 3 of the initial 5 cards must be from Home Club competitions was replaced with “The initial five cards may be submitted as Extra Day Scores, or in competition rounds, or as a combination of the two.”
- Section 8.2 – Maximum Australian Men's is **32.4**
- Section 10.4 revised to “If a player returns to playing, having not submitted a score for two years or more, the Handicapping Manager/Committee may allot a new Australian Women's or Men's Handicap under the procedure as described in Section 8.1 (in doing so, the State Handicap Manager must be consulted when allocating a handicap more than two strokes higher than the previous handicap for players whose last recorded handicap was 4.4 or less; a handicap more than 3 strokes higher than the previous handicap for players whose last recorded handicap was 4.5-10.4; and a handicap more than 4 strokes higher than any previous handicap for players whose last recorded handicap was greater than 10.4), or reinstate their previous handicap initially as a Club Handicap.”
- Section 13.3: Revised to allow a Club to also temporarily suspend a player's Australian and/or Club Handicap for a breach of etiquette (as contained in the Rules of Golf booklet)