



2007 NATIONAL HANDICAPPING AND COUSE RATING FORUM – Resolutions (10 August 2007)

Permanent Rating

- *To investigate the USGA Scratch Course Rating System with a view to either adopting that System or fine-tuning our current system depending on the results of the investigation.*
- *The new or amended system will reflect the concerns expressed by the Forum – particularly that of an over-emphasis on length.*
- *Length rating formulas will also be reviewed.*
- *Golf Australia to conduct national course rating workshops, regardless of the final outcome of the review.*

Daily Rating Component

- *Whilst Golf Australia is pursuing a single system, the evidence suggests the Women's CCR System was set-up on the basis of flawed premises and that consequently it was always unlikely to operate as effectively as the Men's CCR System. Consequently the feeling of the Forum is seemingly that to continue operating the Women's CCR as it currently is would be contrary to the best interests of women's handicapping. Therefore, the recommendation is:*

For Women's Daily Course Rating only, use the AWCR in all instances from 1 October 2007 for a trial period of one year subject to Member States' ratification and Golf Link capability. At the end of this period, the Committee will review the use of the AWCR and any potential alternative WCCR formula option based on a review of women's handicapping data. If a viable WCCR formula option is devised, this will be presented to Member States for ratification. If a viable WCCR option is not able to be devised, other options will be considered by the Committee.

Types of Scores

- *Match play scores not to be used for handicapping purposes.*
- *Handicap adjustments for extra day scores will be reviewed.*

Sample of Scores

- *Continue to use perpetual incremental adjustment from a fixed starting point (ie the current Australian method).*
- *Equitable stroke control not to be adopted in Australia.*

Portability

- *Whilst there was some genuine support for a Slope-type system, there was no general move for such a system to be adopted in Australia at this point.*