



Suite of Changes to Handicap Calculation Method Effective on GOLF *Link* on 21 September 2011 – FULL DETAILS

1. Alter 'Best 10 of 20' to 'Best 8 of 20'.

The number of Handicap Differentials to be included in the calculation of a player's handicap amended to the following:

<i>Number of Scores in Player's Scoring Record</i>	<i>Handicap Differentials to be Used in the Calculation</i>
3 to 6	Lowest 1
7 or 8	Lowest 2
9 or 10	Lowest 3
11 or 12	Lowest 4
13 or 14	Lowest 5
15 or 16	Lowest 6
17 or 18	Lowest 7
19 or 20	Lowest 8

2. Change the Multiplier from 0.96 to 0.93.

3. Cap the value a Handicap Differential can take as follows (note: these are the values that are displayed in the 'Played To' column on golfink.com.au; Handicap Differential = Gross Score minus Course Rating):

- 50 – Women
- 40 – Men

4. Introduce an Anchor which prevents a player's handicap from increasing by any more than 4 strokes beyond their best exact handicap from the previous 12-month rolling period.

- Example: Where in the previous 12-month period a player's best exact handicap is 11.4, the player's handicap will not be permitted to increase beyond 15.4.
- There will not be any limit on downward movement of a player's Exact Australian Handicap.
- The Anchor will only take effect once a player has 20 scores in their handicap record. (For 'Anchor' purposes, an exact handicap calculated on the basis of less than 20 cards can not be an 'Anchor' handicap and is totally disregarded.)
- Where the player's Home Club adjusts a player's handicap outwards, for 'Anchor' purposes, an exact handicap calculated prior to such a manual over-ride can not be an 'Anchor' handicap and is totally disregarded. (Note: The same exclusion does not apply in the case of downward manual adjustments.)

Exceptions to 12-month Period (ie when period will be extended):

- *Exception 1:* Where a player has not returned any cards in the previous 12-month period, the 'Anchor' handicap will be the handicap calculated as a result of their most recent round.
- *Exception 2:* Where a player's Anchor handicap becomes more than 12 months old in the period between two rounds being played. For example:
 - A player's 'Anchor' handicap on 1 March 2012 is 11.4.
 - Their handicap became 11.4 after returning 41 points on 1 April 2011.
 - The player does not return a score in the period from 1 March 2012 until they play again on 1 May 2012.
 - The 'Anchor' handicap for the round played on 1 May 2012 will still be 11.4.
 - (The 'Anchor' will be recalculated after the round played on 1 May 2012. The new 'Anchor' will apply to the player's NEXT round.)