

6.2 Handicapping & Course Rating Report

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A summary of some of the changes and proposed implementations to Golf Link and the Australian Handicap System.

GOLFLINK CHANGES

- All Scratch Ratings will need to be amended to one decimal place
After implementation ratings will be used to their one decimal place to calculate handicaps
Action: State Assn
- Temporary ratings
When temp ratings are required GNSW will input the date and rating for the temporary into GL and when no longer required, change the rating back and enter that date.
Action: State Assn.
- Input Bogey ratings, scratch ratings and expiry date.
Will be required when the system is implemented.
Expiry of the current courses in the GL system will be completed by the State. Timeline unknown.
Action: State Assn
- GL will shut down for 3 – 4 days for the implementation of the new components including slope.
Now known to be 20th to 23rd Jan, 2014
- “played to” column in GL will change to one decimal place.
To enable the proper calculation of handicaps
- GL will re-calculate the “played to” column back to 113 (or neutral slope) when the system is introduced. All 20 scores for the GA handicap.
e.g. new differential = old differential divided by slope rating x 113.
- Tier 3 will have the capability to print the “daily” handicaps on the cards.
- Tier 1 does not have the capability to print the “daily” handicaps on cards however GA/GL is looking into providing this function.
- Tier 1 – provides Golf Link only
Tier 3 – 3rd party system. 8 Providers remaining, list on GA website.

OTHER

- Anchor name will be changed to **CAP** so as not to confuse with the rules of golf and anchoring the putter.
Currently 5 above – may change in the future.
- Member education resources – GA will provide a Summary poster, Checklist for Club Administrators and Duties, Authorities and Responsibilities Document.

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Draft poster, checklist and Duties for Clubs received at the meeting have been emailed to Councillors. These resources will be sent to all Clubs.

- Daily Handicap Table for the set of tees played should be displayed by Home Club. Tables will be provided by GA
- Frozen Handicap may reduce but cannot increase
- Provisional Handicap will be introduced – it will be displayed on GL as provisional
New rules for provisional handicaps
- Slope No of course played will be displayed on GL
- Clubs not on golflink will not use a DSR – an incentive to get all our Clubs onto GL.
- Slope ratings will be distributed to Clubs in September 2013. Not used until Jan 2014

CLUB HANDICAP AUTHORITY (COMMITTEE).

Clubs will need to have a Handicap Committee to make the decisions required for the implementation of these new components and to manage Club handicaps.

- Setting of handicap limits for competitions/Club grades - recommend the use of the GA handicap.
- Conforming Social Scores – Club decisions whether to use for handicapping or not
- Fourball only scores – SHOULD be used for handicapping if the pair has 6 better than the *SCRATCH RATING* and the player is on the card 9 times. Adjust using 1½ for the holes with misses (some exceptions). A DSR will not be calculated for fourball only scores
- 8 - 17 Holes Scores – complex set of rules for this section. Use or not use.
- Aggregate Team events – should use for handicapping
- Pro Am scores – may be used for handicapping – at the discretion of the Committee
- Scores returned in a comp that has been declared null and void – should use
- Bisque Par and 3 Ball events – may be used for handicapping.
- Competition using less than 14 clubs– may be used for handicapping
- Changes to the Handicap Scenario Table – specifically Nos 8 and 11 – Non standard entry in GL.

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- For DSR purposes the Clubs will have the option of linking or not linking all scores on a particular day. GA recommends that when women and men play on the same day the scores should be linked.
- Batches of scores may be split into AM and PM scores.
- Manual Bonus Reduction for Exceptional scores - only in very special circumstances not a normal expectation.

Questions/queries on any item can be discussed at the July Council meeting.

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