



## Handicapping Operational Matters & Preparing for the new GA Handicap System: CHECK-LIST FOR CLUB ADMINISTRATORS

# ITEM 10: Has my club worked through the process of re-designing our score cards to cater for the requirements of the handicap system changes?

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**NOTE:** *Sample score cards are provided at the end of this document.*

## INTRODUCTION

- It is strongly recommended that clubs make changes to the design of their score cards to cater for the new handicap system. In most cases, the amount of required change will be very minor.
- There's no single right or wrong way to format a score card. There is a notable variety of ways in which Australian golf clubs currently format their score cards. This does not need to change in future.
- The key is that the score card will display, and is able to collect, the changed required information (ie course rating listings, handicap box, Stableford score collection – see each section below for details on these three points).
- Some clubs like to have a 'Results' box in the top-right corner of the card. GA has decided against including this in our sample cards for two reasons. Firstly, all information is captured elsewhere on the card so this saves duplication. Secondly, the design of this box (and its labelling) would be complicated by the new need to capture a Stableford score for a Stroke event – and again, a committee will be capturing all of the desired information elsewhere anyway. That said, some clubs will prefer to retain this 'results' box, and that is perfectly fine.
- It is okay for clubs to use pre-2014 score cards in the initial period of the new system if to do otherwise would mean throwing out quantities of cards.

## 1. COURSE RATINGS

- The score card should list the Slope Rating.
- The score card should list the Scratch Rating (formerly AMCR or AWCR). [Note: Abbreviating to "SR" doesn't work as Slope also starts with an 'S'.]

### How might this appear on a score card?

It could appear in a box as follows:

#### **Ratings – Men's White Course**

Scratch 71  
Slope 124

OR

#### **Men's White Course**

Scratch Rating 71  
Slope Rating 124

Or, It could appear in a list as:

Men's White Scratch Rating – 71  
Men's White Slope Rating – 124

Or the following would also be acceptable:

Men's White Scratch – 71

Men's White Slope – 124

The key consideration is that the information be effectively communicated to the golfer. Clubs should not get too caught up on technical purity around this.

## **2. HANDICAP BOX**

Needs to be clearly labelled as 'Daily Handicap'. It is important there be no confusion on the player's part that the value to be listed on the card when it is submitted at the end of the round is the 'Daily Handicap' and NOT the 'GA Handicap' (Rules of Golf Decision 6-2/1 is clear on this point).

## **3. SCORE CARD CONSIDERATIONS AROUND SHA** (ie 'Stableford Handicapping Adjustment' – this is the new Stableford score regulation)

- Need to ensure there are boxes for recording the hole-by-hole gross stroke scores AND boxes for recording the hole-by-hole SHA (Stableford) scores. (Note: This will almost certainly be a standard feature of all existing score cards.)
- Need to ensure the score card includes a box for recording the total Stroke score AND a box for recording the total SHA (Stableford) score (or for Par competitions – the total Par score). Note: Some Tier 3 third-party software systems will feature functionality which will eliminate the need for the club to include a box on their score card for the SHA total score.

### **HOW WILL YOUR CLUB COMPLY WITH THE GOLF Link DATA PROVISION REQUIREMENTS AROUND THE NEW STABLEFORD HANDICAP ADJUSTMENT (SHA) REGULATION?**

**Par Competitions:** Simply enter the Par score into the computer and GOLF Link (or your Tier 3 system) will do the rest (by adding 36 to the result, eg 4 down + 36 = 32 points (the 32 points will be automatically calculated by the software)).

**Stableford Competitions:** No change to the data provision requirements.

#### **Stroke Competitions:**

**Clubs with hole-by-hole scoring systems:** *These clubs will almost certainly have **all** requirements regarding SHA (this includes all calculation requirements and GOLF Link data provision requirements) **automatically** performed for them by their software. Note: Contact the relevant software provider for confirmation.*

**Clubs without hole-by-hole scoring systems:** The obligation will be on your members to provide to you at the end of the round a total Stroke score AND a total Stableford score.

- This should not be an onerous request as almost the exact same work will be required of players in a Stroke competition as they currently perform for a Stableford competition (EXCEPT that they will have to add up their hole-by-hole stroke scores to get an 18-hole stroke total).
- Clubs are encouraged to introduce this changed score card requirement to members approximately two months in advance of the handicapping changes so as to transition them into the new requirements.
- Sanctions should be applied to players who refuse to assist clubs. Disqualifying players from a competition around this requirement is not permitted by The R&A. The R&A does however permit Committees to refuse entry to a repeat-offending player to the following competition/s (GA will provide written support to clubs on this if requested).

## **4. DSR**

There is no need for a DSR box on the card as the DSR is calculated by GOLF Link after the card is returned.



# SAMPLE SCORE CARD – Includes Four-ball

## SAMPLE GOLF CLUB – MEN’S WHITE COURSE

<b>PLAYER 1</b>		Daily Hcp	GOLF Link Number	<b>DATE</b>
<b>PLAYER 2</b>		Daily Hcp	GOLF Link Number	

<b>Scratch Rating</b> 72	<b>Slope Rating</b> 124
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Hole	Metres	Par	Stroke Index	Player			Marker			Hole	Metres	Par	Stroke Index	Player			Marker		
				1	2	S'ford + 0 -	1	2	S'ford + 0 -					1	2	S'ford + 0 -	1	2	S'ford + 0 -
1	177	3	10							10	300	4	15						
2	302	4	7							11	135	3	6						
3	267	4	12							12	331	4	3						
4	123	3	18							13	331	4	1						
5	326	4	2							14	325	4	13						
6	283	4	14							15	121	3	8						
7	480	5	16							16	465	5	17						
8	450	5	5							17	327	4	11						
9	467	5	4							18	450	5	9						
Out	2702	37								In	2651	36							
										Out	2702	37							
										Total	5353	73							
										Daily Hcp									
										Net Stroke Total									

PLAYER'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

MARKER'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: See Reverse for Match Play Index.

# SAMPLE SCORE CARD – Includes Four-ball and Multiple Ratings

## SOUTH POLE GOLF CLUB

<b>PLAYER 1</b>		Daily Hcp	GOLF Link Number	<b>DATE</b>
<b>PLAYER 2</b>		Daily Hcp	GOLF Link Number	

<b>RATINGS</b>	Men's Black Course Scratch 73 / Slope 133	Men's Blue Course Scratch 72 / Slope 130	Men's White Course Scratch 70 / Slope 121	Men's Yellow Course Scratch 67 / Slope 111
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Hole	Metres	Par	Stroke Index	Player			Marker		
				1	2	S'ford +0-	1	2	S'ford +0-
1	440	5	16/32						
2	335	4	12/30						
3	330	4	11/29						
4	350	4	6/24						
5	158	3	14/33						
6	484	5	8/26						
7	370	4	2/20						
8	392	4	4/22						
9	130	3	18/36						
Out	2989								

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NOTE: See Reverse for Match Play Index.

Hole	Metres	Par	Stroke Index	Player			Marker		
				1	2	S'ford +0-	1	2	S'ford +0-
10	402	4	3/21						
11	505	5	9/27						
12	375	4	5/23						
13	151	3	15/34						
14	383	4	1/19						
15	360	4	10/28						
16	340	4	7/25						
17	463	5	13/31						
18	136	3	17/35						
In	3115	36							
Out	2989	36							
Total	6104	72							
				Daily Hcp					
				Net Stroke Total					

# SAMPLE SCORE CARD – Includes Four-ball, Multiple Ratings, Men & Women

Note: If a club wanted to include the distances of for example 5 rated tee options on a single score card for a course such as South Pole (below), this can be achieved by adding in an extra column for each extra tee option (and changing the column label from “Metres” to “Black”, “Blue”, etc..... – the extra columns would be inserted between the columns currently labelled as “Metres” and “Par”). Larger clubs really should have at least 5 tee options so this could result in the score card looking very busy (and in many cases, there may not be too much value gained from including all the extra distances as they tend to be on permanent plates or course signage anyway – it’s up to the club of course).

That said, there can be a specific demand around including all the tee option distances if these extra courses are commonly used – it would just be a matter of inserting however many extra columns are needed (positioned and labelled as per the above comments). GA has seen score cards for courses that have for example 5 different tee options (3 men’s tees and 2 women’s tees) – and 3 (2 men’s tees and 1 women’s tee) will be listed on the score card, so that is yet another option.

## SOUTH POLE GOLF CLUB

<b>PLAYER 1</b>		Daily Hcp	GOLF Link Number	<b>DATE</b>
<b>PLAYER 2</b>		Daily Hcp	GOLF Link Number	

<b>RATINGS</b>	Men’s Black Course Scratch 73 / Slope 133	Men’s Blue Course Scratch 72 / Slope 130	Men’s White Course Scratch 70 / Slope 121	Men’s Yellow Course Scratch 67 / Slope 111	Women’s Red Course Scratch 75 / Slope 131	Women’s Grey Course Scratch 71 / Slope 119
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Hole	MEN			Player			Marker			WOMEN		
	Metres	Par	Stroke Index <sub>x</sub>	1	2	S’ford / +0-	1	2	S’ford / +0-	Metres	Par	Stroke Index <sub>x</sub>
1	440	5	16/32							376	5	18/32
2	335	4	12/30							295	4	5/23/41
3	330	4	11/29							276	4	13/31
4	350	4	6/24							305	4	7/25/43
5	158	3	14/33							128	3	15/34
6	484	5	8/26							370	5	8/26/44
7	370	4	2/20							327	4	2/20/38
8	392	4	4/22							312	4	11/29
9	130	3	18/36							123	3	17/36
<b>Out</b>	<b>2989</b>	<b>36</b>								<b>2512</b>	<b>37</b>	

Hole	MEN			Player			Marker			WOMEN		
	Metres	Par	Stroke Index <sub>x</sub>	1	2	S’ford / +0-	1	2	S’ford / +0-	Metres	Par	Stroke Index <sub>x</sub>
10	402	4	3/21							383	5	12/30
11	505	5	9/27							410	5	6/24/42
12	375	4	5/23							323	4	4/22/40
13	151	3	15/34							143	3	16/35
14	383	4	1/19							340	4	1/19/37
15	360	4	10/28							321	4	3/21/39
16	340	4	7/25							291	4	9/27/45
17	463	5	13/31							386	5	10/28
18	136	3	17/35							131	3	14/33
<b>In</b>	<b>3115</b>	<b>36</b>								<b>2728</b>	<b>37</b>	
<b>Out</b>	<b>2989</b>	<b>36</b>								<b>2512</b>	<b>37</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6104</b>	<b>72</b>								<b>5240</b>	<b>74</b>	

PLAYER’S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

MARKER’S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: See Reverse for Recommended GA Match Play Index.

Daily Hcp					
Net Stroke Total					