



Golf Australia Handicapping Survey

Golf Australia is conducting a survey of Club administrators regarding the GA Handicap System, which was implemented two years ago. You are invited to participate in this survey, which will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. You are reminded that all responses are confidential and that no individual responses will be publicly identified or reported upon. Responses to the survey will be accepted until Monday 11 April 2016.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY

Use your mouse to click the relevant circles or boxes to mark your answer selection. Some questions require you to type in your answers. Note that all questions must be answered to complete the survey. Once you have completed all the questions on the page, you will need to click the 'Next' button to proceed to the next screen. In order for your answers to be sent, you must click the 'Submit' button at the end of the survey.

If your club believes the survey responses for men & women will be different, your club should complete the survey twice.

Thank you for contributing to the future of the game.



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1. Club name

2. Club GOLF Link number (the club's GOLF Link number is the first 5 digits of each member's GOLF Link number)

3. Respondent name

4. Title of office at club

5. Are you responding on behalf of the men at your club, the women, or both?

(If your club believes the survey responses for men & women will be different, your club should complete the survey twice.)

Men

Women

Both

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6. Does your club believe the existing GA Handicap limit of 36 for *men* is about right or would you like to see it adjusted?

- 36 is about right
- It should be increased to 45
- Don't know / no firm opinion
- Other (please specify)

7. Does your club believe the existing GA Handicap limit of 45 for *women* is about right or would you like to see it adjusted?

- 45 is about right
- It should be increased to 54
- Don't know / no firm opinion
- Other (please specify)

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8. Generally, does your club believe that the GA Handicap System adequately responds to *good scores* in terms of reductions to a player's Handicap?

- Yes - the player's handicap is generally reduced adequately
- The player's handicap is generally reduced by too much
- The player's handicap is generally reduced by too little
- Don't know / no firm opinion

Please comment if you wish

9. Generally, does your club believe that the GA Handicap System adequately responds to *poor scores* in terms of increases to a player's Handicap?

- Yes - the player's handicap is generally increased adequately
- The player's handicap is generally increased by too much
- The player's handicap is generally increased by too little
- Don't know / no firm opinion

Please comment if you wish

10. Does your club believe Stableford scores in *winter* in your competitions are at about the right level?

- Yes - scores are about right
- Stableford scores are generally too high
- Stableford scores are generally too low
- Don't know / no firm opinion

Please comment if you wish

11. Does your club believe Stableford scores in *summer* in your competitions are at about the right level?

- Yes - scores are about right
- Stableford scores are generally too high
- Stableford scores are generally too low
- Don't know / no firm opinion

Please comment if you wish

12. What does your club believe the average winning score should be for a Stableford competition with approximately *30 competitors*?

13. What does your club believe the average winning score should be for a Stableford competition with approximately *180 competitors*?

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14. Does your club separate club competitions into multiple handicap grades and award prizes for each grade?

- Yes - for practically all competitions
- Yes - for most competitions
- Yes - some competitions
- No - we only run ungraded competitions

15. What is your club's standard competition entry fee for members? (including GST)

16. Does your club regularly operate the practice of conducting a competition which involves different groups of competitors playing from different tees but all contesting the same set of prizes?

(For example, men playing from White Tees and women playing from Red Tees, or one group of men playing from White Tees and another group of men playing from Blue Tees – but all players competing for the same set of prizes.)

- Yes - often
- Yes - but not often
- No

Please comment if you wish

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17. Would your club like to have the option of requiring GOLF Link to automatically calculate one DSR for players with single-figure handicaps and a separate DSR for players with handicaps of 10 and above?

- Yes - my club would use this option
- No - my club wouldn't use this option
- Don't know / no firm opinion

Please comment if you wish

18. When a competition is played from a set of tees with a Scratch Rating of 74 and a Par of 72, the GA Handicap System treats a score of 34 points as the measure of whether the player has played to their handicap. When a competition is played from a set of tees with a Scratch Rating of 68 and a Par of 72, the GA Handicap System treats a score of 40 points as the measure of whether the player has played to their handicap.

Does your club believe the process for determining Daily Handicaps should be changed so that a score of 36 points will always be the measure of whether a player has played to their handicap?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / no firm opinion

Please comment if you wish

19. For players with GA Handicaps of better than Scratch, Slope gives them a Daily Handicap on a difficult course which is further away from 0 than their GA Handicap. For example, a player with a GA Handicap of +1.3 on a 140 Slope Rated set of tees will receive a Daily Handicap of +2. This is the way Slope operates all around the world, and the reason for this is explained on the following webpage - <http://www.golf.org.au/handicapping-stats#Daily>

Nonetheless, does your club believe it would be best if GA were to reverse the Daily Handicap calculation that is used for Plus markers so that their Daily Handicaps were moved closer to 0 on a difficult course?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / no firm opinion

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20. DSRs are currently permitted to range between 4 above the Scratch Rating and 3 below the Scratch Rating. Does your club believe these limits are correct?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / no firm opinion

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21. Given your response to the previous question, what does your club believe the *upper limit* of the DSR should be?

22. What does your club believe the *lower limit* of the DSR should be?

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23. Based on your observations over the past two years and the feedback of your members, the most common sentiment at my club is that the new GA Handicap System (multiple responses allowed)

- Is reasonably fair to all players
- Disadvantages players with a handicap of less than 10
- Disadvantages players with a handicap of 10-20
- Disadvantages players with a handicap of 20+
- Don't know / no firm opinion

24. Considering your responses to this survey, and your observations over the past two years and feedback from members, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 is completely satisfactory and 1 is completely unsatisfactory, how satisfactory is the current GA Handicap System?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overall satisfaction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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25. Please add any further comments here if you wish on any aspect of the GA Handicap System



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Thank you for completing the survey. Your opinions are very valuable and will assist Golf Australia with the management of Australian handicapping.

Please click [Submit Survey](#) below to lodge your response. Your browser will then automatically close.