## **HANDICAPPING**

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After each tournament, the handicap of the Low Net Champion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, and any player with under-par net scores should be adjusted based on the following chart (rounded to the nearest integer):

	Handicap				
Ranking	under 9	10 to 19	20 to 29	above 30	
Champion	1	2	3	4	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	0	1	2	3	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	0	0	1	2	
Under-par Adjustment					
Percentage	25%	50%	75%	100%	

- I. The handicap of any under-par scorer who did not win any of the first three prizes should be adjusted by the under-par adjustment percentage listed in the above table, and should be rewarded accordingly for the achievement.
- II. The handicap of each member should be adjusted at the end of the season based on the following: New Handicap = Previous Handicap Y

 $Y = (Previous Handicap - X) \times Adjustment Percentage Z (see table below)$ 

X = (Average of the best four gross scores of the year - 72) x 80%

Previous Handicap	under 9	10 to 19	20 to 29	above 30
Adjustment percentage (Z)	25%	50%	75%	100%

Example 1. Previous handicap is 29. This year the performance has improved, and X is calculated as 17 based on the average best four gross scores minus par and adjusted by 80%. Z is 75% from the above table. Therefore, Y is  $(29-17) \times 75\% = 9$ . The new handicap is then adjusted to 29 - 9 = 20.

Note: If the available tournament scores are fewer than 4, the missing score(s) will be assumed the same as the best score of the year.

Example 2. Previous handicap is 16. This year the performance has deteriorated, and X is calculated as 21 based on the average best four gross scores minus par and adjusted by 80%. Z is 50% from the above table. Therefore, Y is  $(16-21) \times 50\% = -3$ . The new handicap is then adjusted to 16 - (-3) = 19.

Note: To qualify for any backward adjustment of handicap, there must be at least 4 available tournament scores.

- III. The handicap of a new member is the average gross score of the first two tournaments attended minus par, then adjusted by 80%.
- IV. The handicap is capped at 30 for men and 36 for ladies.
- V. Handicapping is based on the par of the course, without any adjustment for the course ratings.
- VI. The Discipline Committee, whose members are appointed by the President, is responsible for member handicap evaluation.
- VII. CCGA will, based on the decision of the Discipline Committee, adopt the OGA Handicapping standards at a later time.