

HANDICAPPING SYSTEM

The Australian Golf Union (AGU) is introducing a new handicapping system, based on the USGA's "rolling sample" method.

Phase 1 will commence on 9 April 2010 and Phase 2 which involves conversion of all scores to a stableford points equivalent will be introduced at a later date.

To try and explain the changes that will commence on 9 April, I have outlined as follows the basics.

1. Players handicaps will be calculated from a rolling sample of the previous 20 scores.
2. Using the average of the best 10 scores from the sample, multiply that average by 0.96 to obtain the players current handicap.

Notes:

- If a player does not have 20 scores recorded, Golfink will use a table to calculate the handicap based on the number of scores recorded until such time as the player has the required 20 scores recorded.
- There will no longer be a CCR to calculate handicaps and the Australian Mens Course Rating/Australian Ladies Course Rating (AMCR/AWCR) will be used to determine the differentials involved.
- All scores prior to 9 April will be recalculated to the AMCR/AWCR for handicapping purposes and in our case at Portland the AMCR/AWCR is 71. Ladies have not used a CCR for some time.
- This means that where handicaps for Men have been calculated at a CCR of 70, Golfink will recalculate to the AMCR of 71. See the example below.

Your score = 40 stableford points

CCR 70 = 38 Stableford points

Your score is 2 points under handicap

AMCR 71 = 37 Stableford points

Your score is 3 points under handicap

I hope this gives you enough information to have a basic understanding of the new system

Cheers - John Baulch (Handicap Manager)