

## CCGS Handicap & Competition Rules

- 1 CCGS handicaps are valid for all events, including major club competitions.
2. The Handicap Secretary has sole ownership of handicaps and any adjustments, at the beginning or during the year. The following rules currently apply:
  - 2.1 Men's maximum 28, Ladies 36, Guests 24.
  - 2.2 Players who have official golf club handicaps or a regularly-playing society handicap elsewhere, must declare it at the beginning of the season and any reductions to it during the season.
  - 2.3 Playing handicaps will be the lower of their club and CCGS handicap.
  - 2.4 To make it fair and so that everyone can be competitive, each players handicap will be restated at the start of each season back to where it started the previous season, subject to whether their own official club or society handicap has changed. However, any player can waive this if they would prefer to stay on their new lower handicap.
3. The principle behind CCGS handicap adjustments is that they are reduced during the season based on success, so that we reduce the likelihood of the same players continually winning the prize money & trophies, but then re-stated at the beginning of the next season so each season is stand-alone.

Handicaps will be reduced during the season based on the following calculation:

  - 3.1 Handicap 0-9
    - a) Winning an event will have their handicap reduced by 1
    - b) Being runner up will have their handicap reduced by 0.5
  - 3.2 Handicap 10-18
    - a) Winning an event will have their handicap reduced by 2
    - b) Being runner up will have their handicap reduced by 1
    - c) Third place will have their handicap reduced by 0.5
  - 3.3 Handicap 19 and above
    - a) Winning an event will have their handicap reduced by 3
    - b) Being runner up will have their handicap reduced by 2
    - c) Third place will have their handicap reduced by 1
4. However, handicaps will be increased again during the season based on the following:
  - 4.1 After two events played, if a player is not placed in the top 3 again, their handicap will be increased by half of the reduction. Note: handicaps can only be increased by this method once per season.
  - 4.2 If a player is placed again in their next two events, their handicap will be reduced again as stated and not increased until two more, unplaced events have been played. Then increased by half of the combined drop.
5. Non-members and guest's handicaps:
  - 5.1 Maximum handicap for guests playing within the society is 24
  - 5.2 Members are responsible for ensuring their guest's handicaps are correct.
  - 5.3 Guests cannot win the trophies (except Order of Merit League) but can win prizes/money etc.
  - 5.4 New guests must play 2 events before they can be placed in a competition (they can however win nearest the pin, longest drive or winning team prize)

6. We will try to play once per month during the warmer months. Competitions are stableford (with one exception). There are various trophies to be played for during the season, although cannot be won by a guest:
  - 6.1 The Carlton Club Championship Cup
  - 6.2 The Presidents Cup
  - 6.3 The Jubilee Stableford Salver
  - 6.4 The Jubilee Medal Salver
  - 6.5 The Order of Merit League, where the trophy is awarded to the player with the best 5 stableford scores during the season. Please note this trophy can be won by a guest.
7. If 2 players are level in a stableford event, countback applies as last 9, then if still level, last 6, last 3, last 1. If by any chance, that does not resolve it, do the same process on the front 9.
8. For the Jubilee Medal Salver competition, countback is last 9 gross less 1/2 hcap, last 6 gross less 1/3 hcap, last 3 gross less 1/6 hcap, last hole gross less 1/18 hcap
9. For the Order of Merit League table, only the best 5 scores count. If two or more players total scores are then level, we will use the best average for all their games played to determine the winner. If still identical, then best score in latest competition which each player played in.
10. The Committee will continue to monitor these rules, and amend if necessary, to ensure we achieve fairness and that competitive opportunity is maximised.

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