

Australian Croquet Association

National Handicapping Regulations Association Croquet & Golf Croquet

Summary of Changes

Effective: 15 March 2010

The current Association Croquet (AC) Handicapping Regulations have been in place for almost 3 years, and the Golf Croquet (GC) Handicapping Regulations 2 years. The Regulations are regularly reviewed to ascertain that they continue to meet requirements. Based on areas of concern and feedback received revised Handicapping Regulations (both AC and GC) have been ratified by the ACA Executive.

Copies of the new Handicapping Regulations are available from the Croquet Australia web site at <http://www.croquet-australia.com.au/Handicapping/>. A new Association Croquet Handicap Card is also available from this web address.

Important changes to the Handicapping Regulations are outlined in this document. A number of the changes are identical for both AC and GC. Smaller changes and formatting/grammar ones are not noted.

Changes outlined in this document are important for all competition Croquet players in Australia.

Golf Croquet

Section(s)	Comments
1.3	If a player moves state they will be allocated a new ID by that state and their previous ID will be available for re-use.
1.6	A match is defined by be either a single game or as a best-of-X games.
4.4	Non-automatic handicap changes will not occur within a match.
7.1	Club handicappers will review handicaps of their members on a regular basis. Such changes are sent to the state association if required by that state's procedures.
8.2	At the end of an event tournament managers will send handicap changes to the state association if required by that state's procedures. Removed the requirement for score sheets to be sent to a state association.
11.1	Expanded information on how handicaps will be assigned to overseas players.
13	For players not complying with the Regulations – in the first instance it will be reported to the National Handicapper; subsequent reports will be to the National Handicapper who will also pass on to Croquet Australia.

Association Croquet

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1.3	If a player moves state they will be allocated a new ID by that state and their previous ID will be available for re-use.
1.6	A match is defined by be either a single game or as a best-of-X games.
2.2	Handicaps higher than 20 are for internal use within clubs and are not part of the national system.
3.4	Any mention of long-running tournaments has been removed. Automatic handicap changes are at the completion of any game (that is, within a match).
4.1 – 4.4	Wording changed to be in a more logical order. Non-automatic handicap changes will not occur within a match.
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13	Added "& Other Variations" to this Section. This now covers 14-point games (1/2 index point exchanges) and those greater than 14-points (full index point exchanges). Full Bisque Handicap play and Advanced Handicap play and treated as regular handicap play for handicapping purposes. One ball play is not used for handicapping purposes.
14	For players not complying with the Regulations – in the first instance it will be reported to the National Handicapper; subsequent reports will be to the National Handicapper who will also pass on to Croquet Australia.

Explanation of Major Changes – Association Croquet

When Handicaps Can Change

AC handicaps may now change at the end of any game. This will bring AC into alignment with handicap changes as for GC. The rationale is that a player should play off as accurate a handicap as possible. If their index and past wins/losses indicate a handicap then that is the one that should be used.

While it is understood that this may take a little getting used to for some players, it does represent a simplification to the system as there is now no difference between events run over a number of consecutive days and "long-running" events.

Handicaps >20

Any mention of handicaps >20 being part of the National Handicapping Regulations has been removed. Higher handicaps are left to clubs for their own use for beginners and others who do not progress to tournament standard.

Other Formats

The Regulation now cover shortened (14-point and other) games, Full Bisque Handicap and Advanced Handicap play.