

SETTING AN INITIAL GOLF CROQUET HANDICAP FOR A PLAYER EXPERIENCED IN ASSOCIATION CROQUET

It had been noted that the method of setting initial Golf Croquet (GC) Handicaps for established Association Croquet (AC) players as outlined in the Appendix to the GC Rules appeared in many cases to assign handicaps that were too high. This point was formally referred to the National Handicapper. The outcome was the paper "[On Setting an Initial GC Handicap for an Experienced AC Player](#)", which included a number of recommendations. The paper was presented to the ACA Executive and the recommendations accepted.

Effective from 3 May 2010 please modify the Appendix to the WCF Golf Croquet Rules, for use in Australia, with the following amendments to paragraph 3.

Replace the existing paragraph with:

- 3. Players experienced in Association Croquet with a world ranking have their handicaps allocated by reference to their world ranking grade using Table B. Players experienced in Association Croquet (i.e., with at least six months of Association Croquet play) who have no world ranking have their handicaps allocated by completing the test in Paragraph 2 above and by reference to their Association Croquet handicap using Table E. Their handicap is set to whichever is lower.*

Insert Table E:

Table E
Setting Initial Handicap by Reference to Association Croquet Handicap

Association Croquet Handicap	Initial Index	Initial Handicap
6 to 8	300	6
9 to 11	250	7
12 to 16	200	8
18	150	9
20	100	10

It should be noted that there has been some confusion regarding a belief that there already exists a WCF procedure for allocating initial GC handicaps other than that described in the GC Rules. This is due to the fact that link to the GC Rankings on the WCF web site redirects to the English CA site where those rankings are hosted. The "Handicaps" link on that page directs to a page containing a table for the allocation of initial GC handicaps to AC players which is valid for, and used by, the English CA only.

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