

Appendix C: Handicap Allowances

Handicap allowances are designed to provide equity for players of all levels of ability in each format of play, over both 9 holes and 18 holes.

Handicap allowances are applied to the *Course Handicap* as the final step in calculating a player's *Playing Handicap* (see Rule 6.1 and Rule 6.2).

The National Association is responsible for establishing *handicap allowances* or it can delegate this responsibility to a Regional Golf Association or *golf club*.

The following table sets out the recommended *handicap allowances* based on medium-sized field net events. The allowances may be adjusted based on field size and the desired equity (see Interpretation C/1):

Format of Play	Type of Round	Recommended <i>Handicap Allowance</i>
Stroke play	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Four-Ball	85%
	Four-Ball Stableford	85%
	Four-Ball Par/Bogey	90%
Match Play	Individual	100%
	Four-Ball	90%
Other	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Pinehurst/Chapman	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Best 1 of 4 stroke play	75%
	Best 2 of 4 stroke play	85%
	Best 3 of 4 stroke play	100%
	All 4 of 4 stroke play	100%
	Scramble (4 players)	25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap
	Scramble (2 players)	35% low/15% high
	Total score of 2 match play	100%
	Best 1 of 4 Par/Bogey	75%
	Best 2 of 4 Par/Bogey	80%
	Best 3 of 4 Par/Bogey	90%
4 of 4 Par/Bogey	100%	

Handicap Competitions:

For organized competitions, the Committee should specify the *handicap allowance* within the Terms of the Competition.