



2019

MENS LEAGUE

HANDICAPS

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Because Mens League involves money prizes, it is important to keep the competition fair for all teams and players. As a result, we will be creating a (9-hole) Mens League handicap for all players

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOING PAGES SO YOU UNDERSTAND HOW OUR MENS LEAGUE SYSTEM IS GOING TO WORK

- Every Mens League player is required to report their 6:00pm 9-hole score every week that they play (whether a match or just a spare).
- You must also report how many points each player earned in your match
 - eg (5-4) or (6-3) or (5 ½ - 3 ½)total of 9 points available in each match.

Week 1:

- All players that played last season will start with a 9 hole handicap based on last years hdcp.
- All players that did not play last season will use an estimated handicap as their starting point for their Mens League handicap.

Week 2

- Handicaps for players will be an average of your initial handicap and your score on Week 1
- Handicaps for players not playing last season will use an average of your initial estimated handicap and your score in Week 1.

Weeks 3 – 5:

- Your handicaps will be calculated by taking the average of your Mens League scores

Weeks 6-13

- Your handicaps will be calculated based on your BEST 5 scores in Mens League to that point.

Any players playing as **spares** must prove that they have a current accurate handicap. They must have a handicap card or have access to an internet based handicap system that we can look up (RCGA – Golf Canada) **If not, they will play as a 0 handicap.**

Handicap Audit

- Handicaps will be monitored at the end of each month (May, June, and July) just like last year. We will know how many Mens League events you played in each month and you should have that amount of scores submitted to our scorer. If you have fewer scores submitted than you have rounds played there will penalties assessed to your team points.

Penalty: **NEW**

- For each round that you played and did not submit your score, **YOUR TEAM will be penalized (5) points.** (For example, if a player played four Mens League events in a month and did not submit any of his scores, the team will be penalized 20 points)
- **The Men's Club committee will work with the Golf Professionals to ensure accurate handicaps.**
- **The Men's Club committee has final say on handicap issues and their decision is Final.**

Canal Men's League Handicapping

- **We want you to submit your score each week with [Equitable Stroke Control](#)**

Q. What is ESC (Equitable Stroke Control)?

A. Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicap factors more representative of a players potential ability. ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the players Mens League Handicap. ESC is used only when a players actual or most likely score exceeds his maximum number.

| Mens League 9-Hole Handicap | Maximum Score |
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| 4 or less Handicap | Double Bogey |
| 5 to 9 Handicap | Maximum score of 7 |
| 10-14 Handicap | Maximum score of 8 |
| 15-19 Handicap | Maximum score of 9 |
| 20 and Over Handicap | Maximum score of 10 |

Q. I don't seem to play to my handicap very often. Why?

A. Our Mens League Handicap System is based upon the potential ability of a player rather than the average of all his scores. As such, the average player is expected to play to his Course Handicap or better only about 25 percent of the time, average three strokes higher than his Course Handicap, and have a best score (of the last 20) which is only two strokes better than his Course Handicap.

A player's Handicap Factor is reflective of his playing potential because it is based upon the best scores posted for a given number of rounds, which for us means the best 5 scores out of your total Mens League rounds. Since the other scores are tossed out, the Handicap reflects the player's best golf.

Q. What score do I post if I am conceded a stroke in match play?

A. If a player starts but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke, that player shall record for handicap purposes their most likely score. The most likely score consists of the number of strokes already taken plus, in the player's best judgment, the number of strokes that the player would need to complete the hole from that position more than half the time. This number may not exceed the player's Equitable Stroke Control limit.

There is no limit to the number of unfinished holes a player may have in a round provided that failure to finish is not for the purpose of Handicap Factor manipulation.

Example 1: A and B are partners in a four-ball stroke play competition. On a hole on which neither player receives a handicap stroke, A lies two, 18 feet from the hole. B lies two, 25 feet from the hole. B holes a putt for a three. A picks up their ball because they cannot better B's score. A records X4 on the score card because 4 is their most likely score.

Example 2: A and B are playing a match. On a hole on which neither player receives a handicap stroke, A has holed out in 4; B has a 30 foot putt for a 5. B has lost the hole, and picks up. He records X6 on the score card because 6 is their most likely score.

Example 3: A and B are playing a match. On a hole on which neither player received a handicap stroke, A is one foot from the hole, lying 4. B is 10 feet from the hole, lying 3. B putts and misses. They agree to a half. Both players record 5 because that is the score they most likely would have made.

Gimmee Putts: We encourage gimmee putts to help speed of play. Gimmee Putts are from the bottom of the flag stick to the first white section. Gimmee putts count as a stroke for your score.

The bottom line is we want you all to experience FAIR PLAY.

SUBMIT YOUR SCORES every week, BE HONEST, and remember IT'S JUST A GAME!

Don't be a SANDBAGGER!