

Winter Handicaps - Oct 2009 to Mar 2010

Dear Member,

As you are aware during the winter months when we are playing a reduced course (9, 12 holes competitions etc) or if there is placing then handicaps are not adjusted. In the past this setup has sometimes led to the same people winning competitions week in week out.

In an effort to apply fairness to all members, we will be running a new winter handicap adjustment mechanism during this period. This will only affect your handicap when playing in HL competitions during the winter period. If a member plays in an open in another club then they must play off their official GUI handicap which will remain unaltered during this period.

Handicap reductions will apply to all Singles competitions during this period. All others i.e. fourball betterball, foursomes, shotgun scrambles will come under the Annual Review process for next year

Members will not get any handicap up revisions during this period unless it is deemed necessary by the handicap secretary as part of the yearly handicap review. In this situation your winter handicap and your official GUI handicap will be adjusted accordingly.

Member's handicaps will be adjusted downwards should they win a prize in a competition as follows

- Winner 10%
- Runner Up 7.5%
- 3rd and subsequent prize winners 5%

For example if an 18 handicapper wins a 9 hole competition he will be cut by 1.8. If a 10 handicapper comes 2nd he will be cut 0.8

These adjustments will be immediate and you should see your new handicap the next time you sign into a HL competition.

If a player checks their handicap on the Golfnet website or texts the golf net mobile number then they will see their official GUI handicap. If a player signs into a competition in HL or checks on the howdidido website then they will see their winter handicap. Throughout this period when you sign into a competition the label printer will print out your current winter handicap. Come the first 18 hole competition of 2010 - The St. Patrick's Cup - everybody's official GUI handicap will be reinstated.

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