



## HANDICAPPING FOR TWILIGHT COMPETITIONS

The majority of Twilight competitions are played over nine holes on a Stableford system and the handicapping system set out below uses a Stableford base computation:

- a. To determine 9-Hole / Twilight Handicaps
  - (i) Affiliated club members will determine their 9-Hole Course Handicap from the 9-Hole Course Handicap Tables posted at the club or, where the club uses an automatic scorecard printing system, as showing on their pre-printed scorecard.
  - (ii) Returning Summer Members will be re-instated, their scoring record will continue from the previous year and their 9-Hole Course Handicap will be ascertained as in (i) above.
  - (iii) New Summer Members will play three rounds and the average of the three gross scores, less the NZG Course Rating, will be their Twilight Handicap.  
*Note: Once five scores have been submitted into the DotGolf handicap system, Summer Members will obtain a Handicap Index and will then ascertain their 9-Hole Course Handicap as in (i) above.*
  - (iv) Non-affiliated players, who do not hold a NZG Handicap Index, will play three rounds and the average of the three gross scores, less the NZG Course Rating, (rounded to the nearest whole number) will be their commencing Twilight Handicap. Their Twilight Handicap will be adjusted following the procedure under clause (c).
- b. To establish a Course Twilight Stableford Assessment (CTSA) multiply the number of holes being played by 2.2 and round off the result to the nearest whole number.
- c. To calculate a Twilight Handicap under CTSA
  - (i) The player's card returned for a Twilight tournament and for Twilight handicapping purposes should show completed holes with the Stableford score gained.
  - (ii) The player's total Stableford score will then have the CTSA deducted from it.
  - (iii) Where a player's adjusted Stableford score exceeds the CTSA the player's Twilight Handicap will be reduced by 50% of the differential.
  - (iv) Where a player's adjusted Stableford score is less than the CTSA, the player's Twilight Handicap will be increased by 25% of the differential.



**Examples where 9 and 11 holes are played:**

Holes Played	9		11	
CTSA	9 X 2.2 = 19.8		11 X 2.2 = 24.2	
CTSA Rounded	20		24	
	Player A	Player B	Player C	Player D
Player's Twilight Handicap	14.0	14.0	10.0	10.0
Player's 9-Hole Course Handicap on Course with a Slope Rating of 122	8	8	5	5
Stableford Total	25	17	26	23
CTSA	20	20	24	24
Difference	+5	-3	+2	-1
Reduction	5 x .5 = 2.5	3 x .25 = .75	2 x .5 = 1	1 x .25 = .25
New Twilight Handicap	8 – 2.5	8 + .75	5 - 1	5 + .25
Exact Twilight Handicap	5.5	8.7	4	5.2
Round Off	6	9	4	5

- d. In the event of a Twilight tournament being conducted on Medal play, the player's score should also show the appropriate Stableford points in order that the Course Twilight Stableford Assessment can be deducted and the player handicapped accordingly.
- e. The player's Twilight Handicap appearing in the records being kept by the club will be to one decimal place. The Twilight Handicap sheet posted by the club will have the handicaps rounded to the nearest whole number i.e. .5 rounds upwards.
- f. Twilight Handicaps can be used for Twilight tournaments at other clubs, however the player must advise their 'Twilight Home Club', if applicable, of their Twilight score from another club for purposes of keeping their Twilight Handicap record accurate.
- g. Twilight scores must be entered for handicap purposes. Scores that are unacceptable for handicapping include:
  - (i) Where fewer than 7 holes have been played.
  - (ii) When the number of clubs allowable has been reduced, e.g. less than 14 clubs or 'all irons' event.
  - (iii) When a player uses clubs, balls or tees that are non-conforming.
  - (iv) When a player plays alone.

*Note: Please ensure that those running your club's twilight competition understand this requirement.*