

MOSMAN CROQUET CLUB HANDICAP SYSTEM

Mosman Croquet Club uses the Automatic Handicapping System (AHS) in accordance with the Australian Croquet Association Regulations for Association Croquet and Golf Croquet (see links below). The Handicap Committee is responsible for managing the AHS using the following guidelines:

1. Handicaps and handicap cards will only be assigned to members who wish to play in competitions.
2. **Beginners in AC** will be given a handicap of 20 and a card issued when they enter their first tournament.
3. **Beginners in GC** who require a card to enter tournaments can complete a hoop running trial to assess their basic skills ability. Following observer confirmation (skills, tactics, rules, etc), they will be given a handicap between 9 and 12. If no trial is completed, initial default is 12
4. The Handicap Committee may vary these guidelines for initial handicaps for players who show exceptional ability.
5. The AHS is the primary method by which subsequent handicaps will change. They will also be checked regularly by the committee and may be adjusted if the committee believes they do not reflect a player's current ability.
6. Handicaps for AC, GC and AC/GC players will be listed on the club Members list and on the Croquet NSW website.

NOTES

Handicaps are used in many sports to provide a level playing field for players of different capabilities. The AHS objective is to give any player a 50/50 chance of winning against any other player. However, no system is perfect and variations will occur, especially for newer players.

MCC's GC Handicap Assessment Trial is used as the basis of an initial assessment. Actual handicaps are then allotted after confirmation by an MCC observer, usually a new player's trainer. It involves running a single ball through the first six hoops (from corner 4) three times. The total number of strokes is then matched against the club's grading scale. All GC beginners are encouraged to do the trial as soon as they have learnt the basics. Contact Richard Westgarth to arrange a trial.

Handicap Trigger Points represent the midpoint of a handicap index range. For example, going up through 1300 gives you a handicap of 8 but going down you need to go below 1250 for a handicap of 9. Changes to your card need to be authorised by an MCC handicap committee member. However, if you are playing in a tournament, and your index moves up or down through a trigger point, the tournament handicapper will authorise your handicap change in accordance with that tournament's rules.

[ACA Handicapping Regulations \(AC\) \(October 2021\)](#)

[ACA GC Handicapping Regulations October 2021](#)

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