

Completing Your Handicap Card

1. Completing Your Details

Your card will give you and others a full record of your competition games and the resulting index points and handicap. It shows when and what you played, who you played with* and against, players' handicaps, the game type (singles or doubles and either **Advantage** or **traditional extra turn** handicap), the score*, the index points gained or lost, and your new index points total. Handicap changes are then listed on the front.

Games details usually fit on one line but you can use extra lines when needed. For doubles, you can record your partner's name. Or for a multi-game event you can show the event name on one line and the details of each game on lines below that.

*NOTE: The current card has limited room so needs adaptation for **doubles** and **Advantage** handicap games. Use the EVENT and OPPONENT(s) section to show your event and partner details. For Advantage games use the GAME section to show the final score and target score for both players. Record your figures in the H/L column and your opponent's figures in the Score column. Then circle the winning result just to make it clear.

DATE	EVENT and OPPONENT(s)		GAME	
Year	Name(s)	Hcp	H/L	Score
1/10	MARTYN FRINS (J. SMITH)			
	PLAYER B		8/8	5/6
	PLAYER C		3/6	7/9
	PLAYER D		8/9	7/7

2. Index points exchanged in HANDICAP Singles & Doubles games.

Calculating points won and lost after a handicap game (Advantage or traditional) is easy because the different target scores (or extra turns) have already given players an equal chance. So, for singles +/-10 points are always awarded and for doubles +/-5 points each.

3 (a) Points Exchanged in LEVEL PLAY (Singles)

Level play is different because the players are theoretically not equal. Index points for singles games are awarded from the chart below and are based on the winner's and loser's handicaps. If handicaps are equal, the chart shows that points are the standard +/-10. An example is when the winner is on a 9 handicap and the loser is on 6, the winner has played

better than their handicap so the chart gives them more points (they get 13 for their win). Conversely, if the lower handicapped player won, as would be expected, they receive less than the standard 10, they only get 7 points.

Points Exchanged in Level Play Singles

	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	16	18	20
LOSER'S HANDICAP	-6	10	7	4	2																		
	-5	13	10	7	4	2																	
	-4	16	13	10	7	4	3	2															
	-3	18	16	13	10	7	5	3	2														
	-2		18	16	13	10	8	6	4	3	2												
	-1			17	15	12	10	8	6	4	3	2											
	0				18	17	14	12	10	8	6	4	3	2									
WINNER'S HANDICAP	1					18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	3	2								
	2						17	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	3	2	2						
	3							18	17	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	3	3	2	2			
	4								18	17	16	14	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	
	5									18	17	16	14	12	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2
	6										18	17	16	14	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
	7											18	17	15	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
	8												18	17	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
	9													18	17	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
	10														18	17	16	14	13	12	11	10	9
	11															18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10
	12																18	17	16	15	14	13	12
	14																	18	17	16	15	14	13
	16																		18	17	16	15	14
	18																			18	17	16	15
	20																				18	18	17

3 (b). Points Exchanged in LEVEL PLAY (Doubles)

Index points for level play doubles games are based on the combined handicaps of both players in a pair. The chart below groups the differences in combined handicaps so that if the difference is 0 to 3 the standard +/-5 points are awarded. Then, if for example, the combined handicap difference is 9 and the higher handicapped pair wins, they have done better than their handicap indicates and the chart gives them 7 points each. The opponents then lose the same 7 points.

In level doubles games the index change is shown in the table below

Difference in Combined Handicaps	Larger Combined Handicaps Won	Smaller Combined Handicaps Won
0 to 3	5	5
4 to 7	6	4
8 to 11	7	3
12 to 15	8	2
16 or more	9	1

4. Check for Handicap Changes

Before signing off handicap cards after a game, players should check to see if their new index has moved them into a different handicap range. This may require checking and authorisation by a member of the Handicap Committee or a Tournament Manager.

FINALLY, always check your and your opponent's calculations - mistakes are easy!

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