



Playing Handicap Implementing Rule 6.2a /Appendix C

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AGENDA

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- Handicap Allowance Percentages
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Rule 6.2a and Appendix C

- Rule 6.2a

“Standard Calculation

A Playing Handicap is calculated as follows :

Playing Handicap = Course Handicap X Handicap Allowance”

- Appendix C

“Handicap Allowances are designed to provide equity for players of all levels of ability in each format of play, over both 9 holes and 18 holes”

Rationale for Rule 6.2a (Playing Handicap)

- Fairness and Equity is the corner stone of the WHS
 - The World Handicap Research Team (WHRT) studied millions of rounds and did simulations to determine what measures need to be put in place, if any, to ensure that **competitions** are **fair** and **equitable** for **all players** regardless of gender or ability while playing the course they most enjoy
 - The **Handicap Allowance (HA) percentages** in Appendix C of the Rules of Handicapping (RoH) was found to **ensure fair competition** and provide an **equitable chance** for all players to **finish** at the **top of the leaderboard**
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Why the delay in South Africa to implement Rule 6.2a?

- Based on Focus Group research conducted in 2019 it was decided not to implement Rule 6.2a when the WHS was implemented on January 01, 2020.
- Clubs and golfers did not fully appreciate the nuances of the WHS and the impact it would have in competitions
- Example:
 - South Africa implemented Net Double Bogey (NDB) in the calculation of the Adjusted Gross Score on October 01, 2019
 - The implementation of NDB resulted in the HI of bogey golfers to move out more than what clubs/golfers expected
 - Bogey golfers are more inconsistent than low HI players and triggers more NDB
 - Once the impact was understood it was realized why Rule 6.2a and Appendix C are key components of the WHS RoH
- The decision was then taken by the GolfRSA, that Rule 6.2a will be implemented in South Africa which now ensures full compliance to the WHS RoH
- The HA percentages as published in Appendix C will be used.

WHS Requirements HI for transportability

- Essential parameters to ensure transportability of HI
 - All courses must be rated in the same manner
 - Adjusted Gross Scores must be counted in the same manner (NDB)
 - All score differentials must be calculated in the same manner
 - All HI calculations must be done in the same manner

How does Rule 6.2a work

- A Playing Handicap (PH) is the adjustment of a Course Handicap (CH) by the Handicap Allowance (HA) percentage in Appendix C of the RoH
- The HA percentage is dependent on the format of play
- It is used in **competitions** and is calculated as follows:

$$PH = CH \times HA (\%)$$

- Example:

- Player's CH for the Blue Course at the club is 12
- The format of play is 'Fourball Alliance 1 score to count'
- The HA for this format is 75%

Calculation: $PH = 12 \times 75/100 = 9$

The player would play off a PH of 9 for this competition

Appendix C: Handicap Allowance % for formats.



Appendix C: 2020 WHS Rules of Handicapping

South Africanized version

FORMAT OF PLAY	TYPE OF ROUND	HANDICAP ALLOWANCE
STROKE PLAY	Individual Medal	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Combined IPS	95%
	Betterball Par/Bogey	90%
	Betterball Medal	85%
	Betterball Stableford	85%
	Betterball Bonus/Bogey	85%
MATCH PLAY	Individual	No HA. Play off CH
	Betterball	90%
OTHER	Alliance - 1 score to count	75%
	Alliance - 2 scores to count	85%
	Alliance - 2 scores / 3 scores on Par 3 to count	85%
	Alliance - 3 scores to count	No HA. Play off CH
	Alliance - 4 scores to count	No HA. Play off CH
	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Scramble (4 players)	25%, 20%, 15%, 10% from lowest to highest CH
	Scramble (2 players)	35% low CH + 15% high CH
	Best 1 of 4 Par/Bogey	75%
Best 2 of 4 Par/Bogey	80%	
Best 3 of 4 Par/Bogey	90%	
4 of 4 Par/Bogey	No HA. Play off CH	

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Implementation guidelines

- For organized competitions, the Committee should specify the HA in the *Terms of Competition*
 - From March 01, 2021 All Club competitions played under Rule 6.2a/ Appendix C
 - League, National and Inter Provincial : Committee can determine the *Terms of Competition*
 - Competitions that started prior to March 01 : Terms of Competition for those tournaments to remain unchanged.
 - For Individual stroke formats of play the HA is **95%** for **medium size** Stableford and Net **events**
 - **‘Medium size’** is defined as a **field of at least 30 players.**
 - For **fewer than 30 players** it is recommended that **no HA** is applied.
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Implementation guidelines (cont'd)

- Determining a 'field size'
 - If unsure about field size . Use 95 %
 - A 'field size' is the number of players playing against each other in a competition
 - It could be the whole field or, in the event of Divisions where the players in a Division play only against each other, the 'field size' is then determined by the number of players in that Division
 - If the competition is across various courses/clubs the total 'field size' of the competition must be determined. This is applicable to National events where all the players in the competition across the country must be counted to determine the 'field size'
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Implementation guidelines (cont'd)

- PH in terms of the WHS RoH
 - Rule 6.2a/Appendix C is used in competitions to ensure fairness and equity
 - The Committee may determine a maximum PH as a Terms of Competition. The objective of this *Terms of Competition* is different. It is usually considered when there is a full field and is NOT a substitute for Rule 6.2a/Appendix C but could be use as an additional *Terms of Competition*.
 - Allocate a PH to an individual golfer who participates in a competition if the Committee is of the opinion that the HI of the player is not a true reflection of his/her ability as a golfer

Implementation guidelines (cont'd)

- **Information required on scorecards**

- Name of Player
- Colour Course (tees) the player elected to play. By a cross or writing Y/W/B/R if tee colour boxes are not on the scorecard
- Handicap Index (HI)
- Course Handicap : (CH)
- Playing Handicap: (PH)

	PLAYER	TEE COLOUR			H/CAP INDEX	COURSE H/CAP	PH
A		Yellow	White	Blue	Red		
B		Yellow	White	Blue	Red		
MARKER							
C		Yellow	White	Blue	Red		
D		Yellow	White	Blue	Red		

Implementation guidelines (cont'd)

- PH as an additional field on Scorecards
 - It is NOT a requirement that Clubs have to replace/re-design their scorecards.
 - Current scorecard layout can be used and the Players indicate PH in brackets next to CH as per the example below

	PLAYER	TEE COLOUR				HI	CH (PH)
A	<i>Mary Mulligan</i>	Yellow	White	Blue X	Red	12,1	18 (15)
B		Yellow	White	Blue	Red		

Obtaining your PH

- Use the HNA smartphone application (**next slides**)
- GolfRSA PH look-up tables (PHCT) were sent to Club Handicappers/Unions on December 31st, 2020:

$$(CH \times HA (\%)) = PH$$

(PH is rounded: ≥ 0.5 is rounded up < 0.5 is rounded down)

Note: For Plus CH players the HA calculation will bring the PH number closer to zero.



Playing Handicap Conversion Table

75% Handicap Allowance (Alliance - 1 Score to Count)

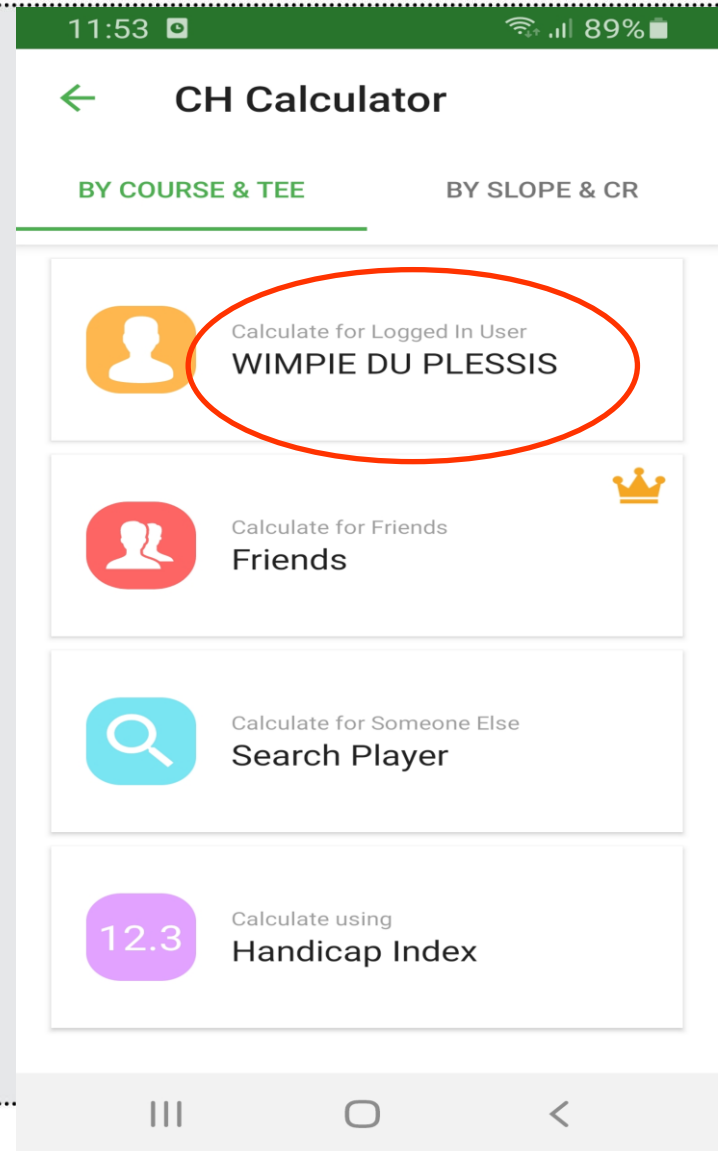
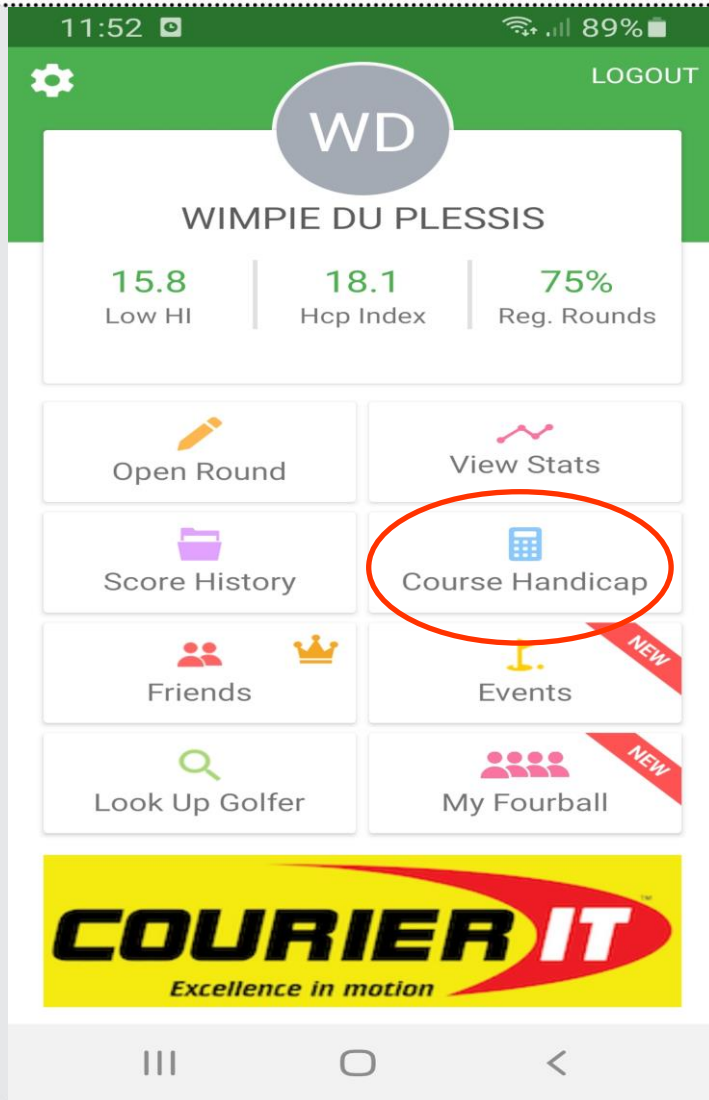
COURSE HANDICAP	PLAYING HANDICAP	COURSE HANDICAP	PLAYING HANDICAP
+5	+4	30 to 31	23
+4	+3	32	24
+3	+2	33	25
+2 to +1	+1	34 to 35	26
0	0	36	27
1	1	37	28
2 to 3	2	38 to 39	29
4	3	40	30
5	4	41	31
6 to 7	5	42 to 43	32
8	6	44	33
9	7	45	34
10 to 11	8	46 to 47	35
12	9	48	36
13	10	49	37
14 to 15	11	50 to 51	38
16	12	52	39
17	13	53	40
18 to 19	14	54 to 55	41
20	15	56	42
21	16	57	43
22 to 23	17	58 to 59	44
24	18	60	45
25	19	61	46
26 to 27	20	62 to 63	47
28	21	64	48
29	22	65	49

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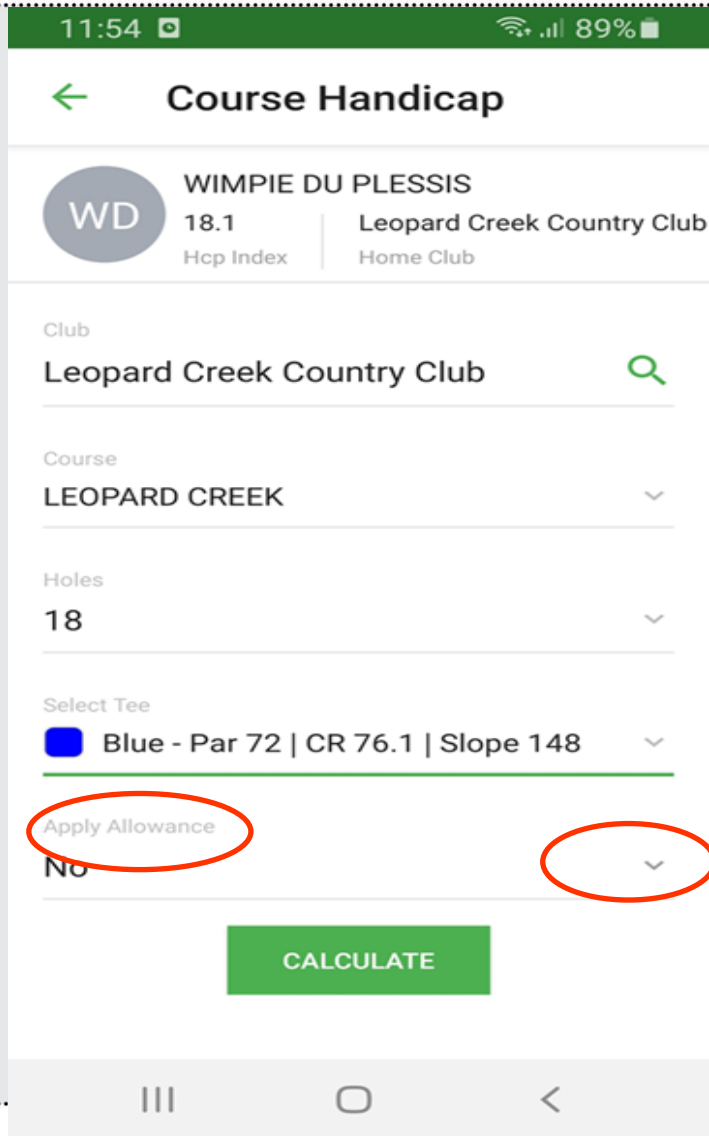
85% Handicap Allowance
(Betterball Strokeplay/Stableford)
(Alliance - 2 Scores to Count)

COURSE HANDICAP	PLAYING HANDICAP	COURSE HANDICAP	PLAYING HANDICAP
+5	+4	30 to 31	26
+4 to +3	+3	32	27
+2	+2	33	28
+1	+1	34	29
0	0	35	30
1	1	36 to 37	31
2	2	38	32
3 to 4	3	39	33
5	4	40	34
6	5	41	35
7	6	42 to 43	36
8	7	44	37
9	8	45	38
10 to 11	9	46	39
12	10	47	40
13	11	48	41
14	12	49	42
15	13	50 to 51	43
16 to 17	14	52	44
18	15	53	45
19	16	54	46
20	17	55	47
21	18	56 to 57	48
22	19	58	49
23 to 24	20	59	50
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28	24	63 to 64	54
29	25	65	55

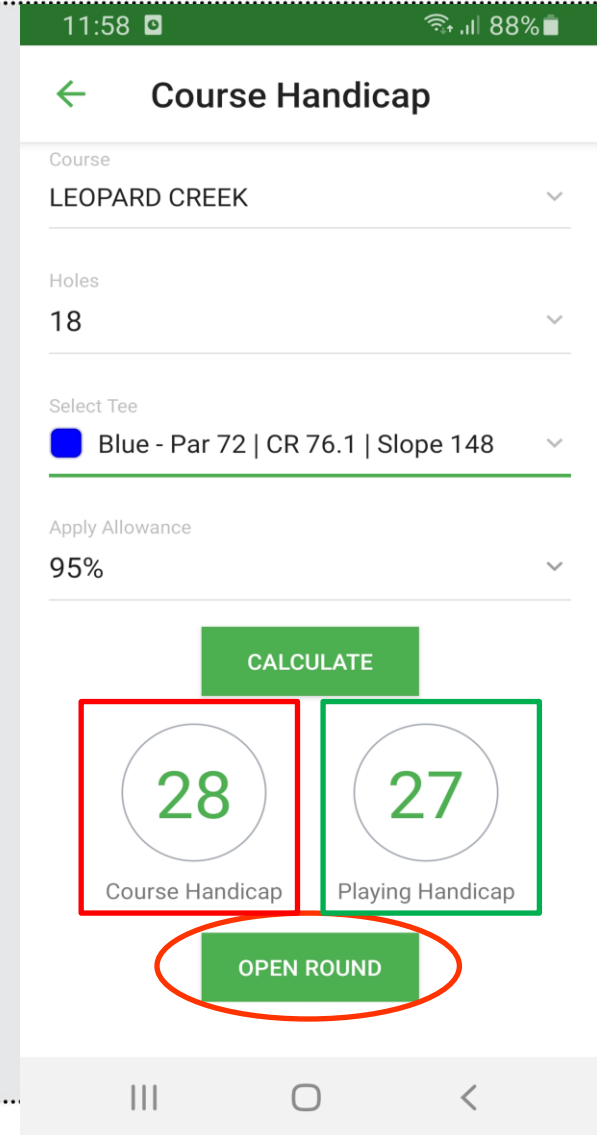
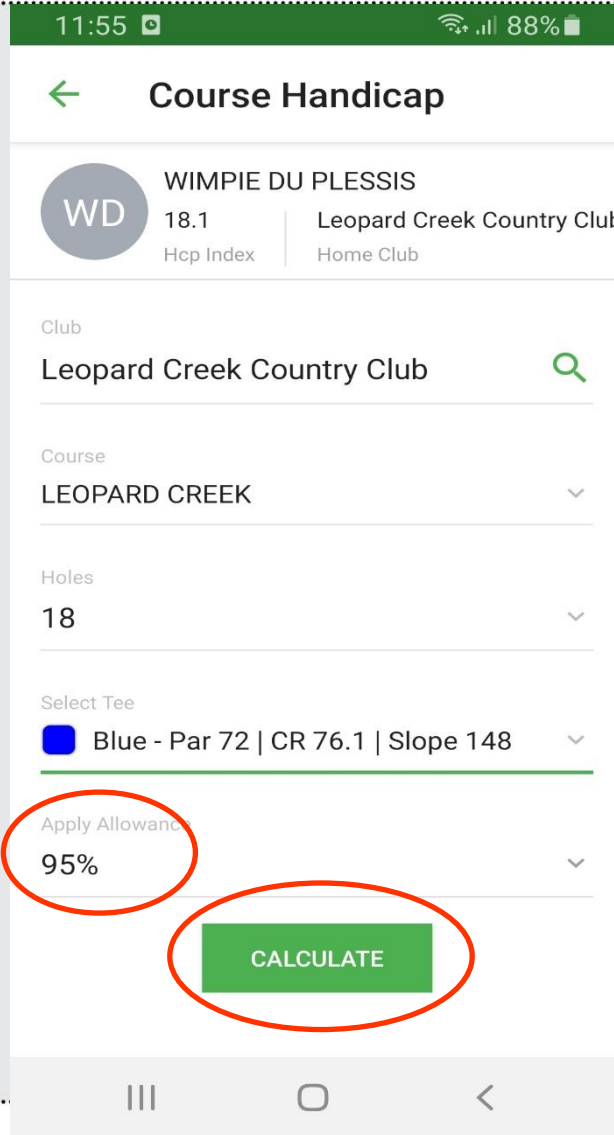
Open Mobile App, select Course Handicap Calculator



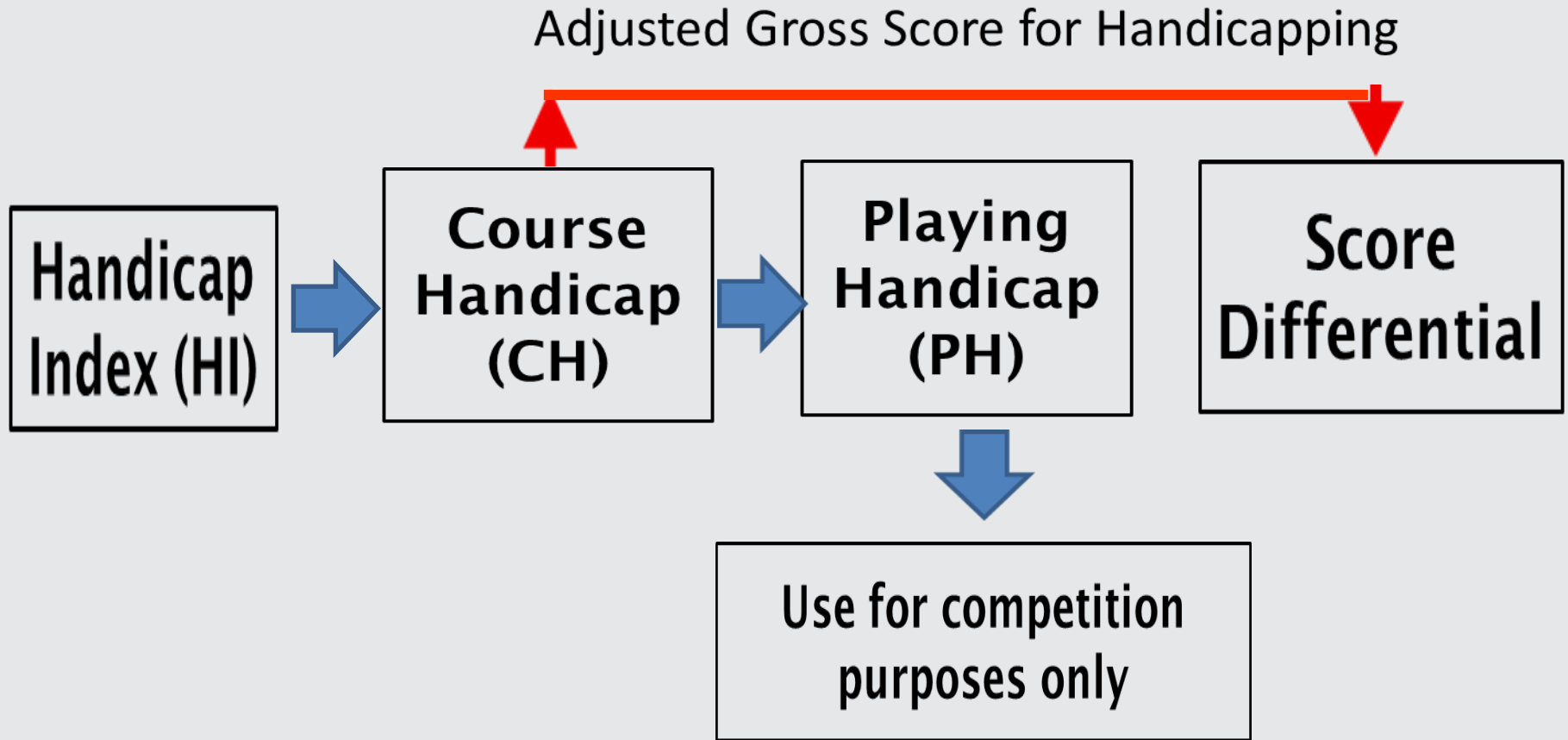
Select Allowance and Percentage



Calculate: CH and PH shown . Open round



Summary : HI , CH, PH and Score Differential



Adjusted Gross Score using the CH

Stableford points/Net score using the PH

	PLAYER	TEE COLOUR				HI	CH	PH
A	Mary Mulligan	Yellow		X	Red	12,1	18	15
B	John Mulligan	Yellow		X	Red	12,5	13	11

MARKER

C	Susan Fore	Yellow			Blue	X	22,5	27	23
D	William Fore	Yellow	X		Blue	Red	5.1	7	6

COMPETITION: <i>Betterball Stableford</i>		RESULT
DATE: March 01, 2021	TIME: 08h30	

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
PAR	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	36
S.I.	7	5	15	3	13	11	1	17	9	

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL	
										36	
										GROSS	NETT

PLAYER	A	SCORE	7	5	3	5	6	7	7	5 / (6)	5	50 (51)
	RESULT	0	3	3	2	1	0	1	0	2		
B	SCORE	5	6	3	6	6	4	5	3	5	43	
	RESULT	2	2	2	1	0	3	3	2	2		
B/B SCORE		2	3	3	2	1	3	3	2	2	21	

Next steps

- All Club competitions will be played using Rule 6.2a/Appendix C
- Club Handicappers to conduct member training
- HNA Newsletter will be sent out to educate golfers
- HNA in discussion with Front End vendors such as Clubmaster/ Jonas to display PH on slip.
 - Clubmaster confirmed development and will engage with clubs
- Implementation date: March 01, 2021

Questions ?

Thank You

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