

GOLF AUSTRALIA HANDICAP SYSTEM – IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (version May 2011ii)

COMPONENT	COMPONENT STATUS	REGULATIONS ANNOUNCED	IMPLEMENTATION DATE
Completion of roll-out of re-rating of all courses	Confirmed	Not applicable	December 2011
Slope Indexing	Confirmed Δ	End of November 2011 * Δ	April/May 2013 ^
Daily/intra-daily rating	Decision . July 2011. Awaiting National Survey results.	In the event of confirmation, regulations will be announced in November 2011	In the event of confirmation, April/May 2013 (other components impact on this delivery date)
Equitable Stableford Conversion	Confirmed Δ	End of November 2011 * Δ	April/May 2013 ^
Handicapping of non-competition scores	Awaiting National Survey results	End of November 2011 * Δ	# see base of table
Upgraded guidelines re: incomplete rounds and NCRs	Regulations pending upgrade Δ	End of November 2011 * Δ or earlier	# see base of table
Regulations for rating sand green courses	USGA fine-tuning regulations	Estimated in July 2011	Immediately following announcement of regulations
Handicapping of four-ball scores	Confirmed (regulations pending review) Δ	End of November 2011 * Δ	Effective immediately following confirmation Δ
Immediate updating of handicaps	To remain immediate in new system	No change to existing regulations	Effective immediately
Capacity of Member Associations to provide Amended Course Rating for temporary climatic reasons	Confirmed	Immediate	Effective immediately
Club Handicap Committees	Decision confirmed	Not mandatory. (Operational guidance being developed Δ)	Guidance effective immediately following confirmation Δ
Handicapping 9-hole scores	Confirmed (regulations pending review) Δ	End of November 2011 * Δ	April/May 2013 ^
Tournament Scores regulation	Decision to be announced by end of November 2011	End of November 2011 *	April/May 2013 ^
Club decision to change player's handicap	Regulations pending upgrade Δ	End of November 2011 * Δ	Effective immediately following confirmation Δ
Handicap lapse	Regulations pending review Δ	End of November 2011 * Δ	April/May 2013
Handicaps on extremely short courses	Regulations pending review Δ	End of November 2011 * Δ	Effective immediately following confirmation Δ
Number of cards required to obtain initial handicap	Awaiting National Survey results Δ	End of November 2011 * Δ	Effective immediately following confirmation of regulations Δ
Handicap Differentials	Regulations pending review. (Consider calculating differentials to one decimal place. Differential = Gross Score minus Course Rating.) Δ	End of November 2011 * Δ	April/May 2013
Other (as deemed beneficial during design process)	Decision pending	End of November 2011 * Δ	Decision pending

* Timeline will be impacted by the daily/intra-daily rating decision. If daily/intra-daily rating does not occur, the listed date would be brought forward approximately one month.

This requires (or potentially requires) a single system change to either GOLF *Link* or to a Tier 3 provider. Timing is dependent on provider advice but should be less than 4 months after final regulations are confirmed.

^ This requires significant and extensive software development for both GOLF *Link* and Tier 3 providers and the way those systems interact with each other.

Δ The handicap system will include a component that handles this issue (unless otherwise noted). The structure of this component is still to be designed (or under review). The regulations will be detailed in the final draft handicap system for decision by the GA Board in January 2012. The final draft will be posted on the GA website at the end of November 2011.