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APPENDIX F

HANDICAP ALLOWANCES

The Council of National Golf Unions directs that the following handicap allowances be used for the undernoted forms of competition when played as handicap events and, where relevant, for the calculation of the *Competition Scratch Score* in scratch competitions. The reference to handicaps in all cases refers to *Playing Handicaps*. Strokes must be taken according to the Handicap Stroke Index.

Match Play	<i>Singles</i>	<i>Full difference between the handicaps of the players</i>
	<i>Foursomes</i>	<i>½ difference between aggregate handicaps of each side</i>
	<i>Four-ball</i>	<i>Back marker to concede strokes to the other 3 players based on 3/4 of the difference between the full handicaps</i>
Stroke Play	<i>Singles</i>	<i>Full handicap</i>
	<i>Foursomes</i>	<i>1/2 aggregate handicap of partners</i>
	<i>Four-ball (better ball)</i>	<i>Each partner receives 3/4 of full handicap</i>
Par	<i>Singles</i>	<i>Full handicap</i>
	<i>Foursomes</i>	<i>1/2 aggregate handicap of partners</i>
	<i>Four-ball (better ball)</i>	<i>Each partner receives 3/4 of full handicap</i>
Stableford	<i>Singles</i>	<i>Full handicap</i>
	<i>Foursomes</i>	<i>1/2 aggregate handicap of partners</i>
	<i>Four-ball (better ball)</i>	<i>Each partner receives 3/4 of full handicap</i>

Note 1: Half Strokes. Half strokes or over to be counted as one; smaller fractions to be disregarded except in Foursomes Stroke Play when 1/2 strokes are counted as such.

Note 2: Handicap Allowances. In a handicap competition played in any of the above formats the allowances must be laid down by the Committee in the Conditions of the Competition (*Rules of Golf 33-1*) in accordance with the above direction.

Note 3: 36 Holes. In handicap competitions over 36 holes strokes should be given or taken on the basis of two 18 hole rounds in accordance with the 18 hole Handicap Stroke Index unless the Committee introduces a special Stroke Index.

Note 4: Hole-by-hole Play-off (sudden-death). When extra holes are played in handicap competitions, strokes should be taken in accordance with the Handicap Stroke Index.

Other Forms of Play

The Council of National Golf Unions recommends the following allowances:

Greensomes *Lower handicap x 0.6 plus higher handicap x 0.4*

If the handicaps of the partnerships are equal, the Greensome Handicap is half the combined handicap.

To facilitate the calculation of the Greensome Handicap a Conversion Table is provided.

Decision Relevant to Appendix F

6(a) Plus Handicaps – Strokes Conceded When Other Than Full Allowance Applied