

## Appendix C Handicap Allowances

*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.

*Handicap allowances* are applied to the *Course Handicap* as the final step in calculating a player's *Playing Handicap* (see Rules 6.1 and 6.2).

The National Association is responsible for establishing *handicap allowances* or it can delegate this responsibility to a Regional Golf Association or *golf club*. The following table sets out the recommended *handicap allowances*:

Format of Play	Type of Round	Recommended <i>Handicap Allowance</i>
Stroke play	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Four-ball	85%
	Four-ball Stableford	85%
	Four-ball Par/Bogey	90%
Match play	Individual	100%
	Four-ball	90%
Other	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Pinehurst/Chapman	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Best 1 of 4 stroke play	75%
	Best 2 of 4 stroke play	85%
	Best 3 of 4 stroke play	100%
	All 4 of 4 stroke play	100%
	Scramble (4 players)	25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap
	Scramble (2 players)	35% low/15% high
	Total score of 2 match play	100%
	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	100%	

Note: The above recommendations are based on medium-sized field net events and may be adjusted based on field size and the desired equity (see Interpretation C/1).