

# MLCC 2025 Handicap Process

## For New and Previous Year League Members

### General information. MLCC Men's League uses 35.4 as PAR to calculate handicaps.

1. MLCC Front 9 is PAR 35, Back 9 is PAR 36. If you average the 2, you get 35.5. The league gives benefit to the golfers handicap by using 35.4 (it does make a difference)
2. When we started alternating FRONT 9, BACK 9 in 2020, there was discussion on using 2 handicap systems, 1 for front, 1 for back.  
Upon looking into the details of maintaining 2 handicap systems, it became complex and neither would get to the suggested 5 scores until end of year.
3. Last year we looked at avg score differences between front 9 and back 9 scores and didn't find any significant differences from a league average perspective.
4. The processes and calculations below are not perfect, but they are not perfect for everyone. They use more current year scores to calculate handicaps.
5. In rare cases, there are 'exceptional' scores for a given handicap, either high or low, that may cause an adjustment.

### 1. New League Members Handicap Process

**Step 1 New League Members - First 2 SCORES, Handicap will be calculated using the following Formula and Gross Score Ranges.**

PAR -----> 35.4

Example Scores to get to NET Score using first 2 scores (Player A & Player B)

Player	Gross Score Ranges	Example - Gross Score	Gross Score minus Par (35.4)	Pct to Calc Handicap for this Range	Calculated Handicap	Net Score (Actual minus Handicap)	
A	up to 46	46	10.6	0.6	6	40	WK 1
A	47-55	53	17.6	0.7	12	41	WK 2
B	56+	65	29.6	0.8	24	41	WK 1
B		56	20.6	0.8	16	40	WK 2

After 2 scores are recorded for NEW League members using the range calculations above, their handicap will get 2 "HDCP Wk 1 Score equivalents" similar to current league members based on the avg of their first 2 scores("WK - 3 HDCP" below). After that, the new member will fall into the 'Current Year' members HDCP calculation process listed below. If for some reason a new league member starts consistently scoring significantly better or worse than their first 2 scores, their handicap calculations may be adjusted to reflect that change.

**Step 2**

Player	Wk 1 - Actual Score	Wk 2 - Actual Score	Wk 3 - Actual Score	Wk 1 - HDCP	Wk 2 - HDCP	Wk 3 - HDCP	Wk 4 - HDCP
A	46	53		6	12	14	
B	65	56		24	16	25	

WK 1 & WK 2 HDCP based on table above.

Wk 3 - HDCP based on first 2 scores.

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### 2. Current League Members Handicap Process (Players that have played within last 2 years)

Handicaps are calculated using the following rules.

1. Each player is "seeded" with 2 scores that are equal to the prior years ending handicap and added to Par (which is 35.4).
2. Handicap calculations start including scores in week 2 of current year.
3. Once a player has recorded 4 current year scores, the first seed score (WK 1) from previous year is dropped out of handicap calculation.
4. Once a player had recorded 6 current year scores, the 2nd seed score from previous year is dropped out of handicap calculation.  
So after 6 current year scores, handicaps are based on current year scores.
5. HDCP's will be based on up to the best 4 scores (which will include the previous years 2 seed scores until they drop out as mentioned above).
5. After a player has 7 current year scores, the HDCP will be based on the players 5 best scores.

Example below.

1. Player A's previous year's ending handicap of (8.4) was added to PAR (35.4) to get 43.8 which is rounded to whole number 44.

His 2 'Seed' Current Year HDCP 'Seed' Scores from previous year are 44.

The 2 'Seed' Scores are used from the previous year as starting scores at the beginning of current year.

2. Using this method the following occurs and more of the current year players scores are used in the HDCP calculation.

- A. The 1st current year weeks handicap was based 100% on the ending handicap from previous year.
- B. The 2nd weeks handicap is based on using 33% of Player A's current year scores along with the previous years beginning 2 seed scores.
- C. The 3rd weeks handicap is based on using 50% of Player A's current year scores along with the previous years 2 seeding scores.
- D. The 4th weeks handicap is based on using 60% of Player A's current year scores along with the previous years 2 seeding scores.
- E. As the year continues, the 4 best scores are used with the previous years beginning Score Equivalents until they drop off later in year as the player reaches 4 and 6 current year scores respectively.

In the example below, 'Wk1 - HDCP Score equivalent drops off after Wk 5 and the 2nd 'Wk1 - HDCP Score equiv' drops out of current year calculations after Wk 8.

	Wk 1 - HDCP Score	Wk 1 - HDCP Score															
Name	Equivalent	Equivalent	Wk 1 -F9	Wk 2 -B9	Wk 3 -F9	Wk 4 -B9	Wk 5 -F9	Wk 6 -B9	Wk 7 -F9	Wk 8 -B9	Wk 9 -F9	Wk 10 -B	Wk 1 - HDCP	Wk 2 - HDCP	Wk 3 - HDCP	Wk 4 - HDCP	Wk 5 - HDCP
Player A	44	44	54	45	45		46	45		47	46		8	12	11	9	9