

BOEING EMPLOYEES GOLF ASSOCIATION

2020 PLAYING RULES

To clarify the conduct of the 2020 BEGA season, these rules have been adopted by the BEGA Council and shall be adhered to by all members. Communication from the BEGA Board to the Leagues shall be by E-mail when possible, with paper copies as an alternative when E-mail is not feasible.

A. MEMBERSHIP

1. QUALIFICATIONS

a. Participation in the BEGA program is open to the following:

- (i) Boeing employees and retirees
- (ii) Spouses and dependents of Boeing employees and retirees
- (iii) Domestic partners, as defined by Boeing, of employees and retirees
- (iv) Government, customer, contract, and vendor personnel assigned full-time to support the Boeing Company, including their spouse and dependents
- (v) Associate Membership as defined by the Boeing Company

2. FEES

a. Active Employees, Associate members

- (i) A \$15.00 BEGA membership fee will be charged for BEGA membership (\$8.00 each additional league after initial membership).

b. Retired Employees

- (i) A \$10.00 BEGA membership fee will be charged for Boeing Retirees and their spouses for BEGA membership (\$8.00/league after initial membership).

3. TRANSFERRING LEAGUES

a. Members may shift between leagues because of changes in work schedules. LEAGUE DUES shall be pro-rated and a refund made to the member transferring. Members who are transferred to out plant locations will also be entitled to a pro-rated refund. BEGA membership fees will not be refunded.

4. FEE DUE DATES

a. A player whose BEGA membership fee has not been received by the League Treasurer by the second week of league play will be not considered to be a member in good standing and shall not be scheduled for play or eligible to enter BEGA tournaments until the membership fee has been paid.

5. TROPHIES

a. BEGA will award league trophies, or cash equivalent for the lowest valued trophy, based on the membership fees paid, for the following number of members:

- (i) < 10: 1 Trophy
- (ii) 10-19: 2 Trophies
- (iii) 20-39: 3 Trophies
- (iv) 40-59: 4 Trophies
- (v) 60-79: 5 Trophies
- (vi) 80-99: 6 Trophies
- (vii) 100-119: 7 Trophies
- (viii) 120+: 8 Trophies (Maximum)

6. HOLE-IN-ONE

- a. Any BEGA member who scores a hole-in-one during the year shall be given honorable mention on the BEGA website.
- b. If the hole-in-one occurs during a league event, the player shall be awarded a trophy supplied and paid for by BEGA.
- c. A league event includes regular league play, league tournaments, and BEGA tournaments.

7. DRESS CODE

- a. The following dress code guidelines are recommended for BEGA tournament play and league play:
 - (i) MEN Attire generally should consist of:
 - Slacks, tailored shorts, shirts with a collar, sweaters and jackets.
 - NOT RECOMMENDED Tank tops, sleeveless tees or sweatshirts, tee shirts intended as undergarments, non-sports shirts with slogans, pictures, and/or sayings on them, spandex shorts and cut-offs.
 - (ii) LADIES Attire generally should consist of:
 - Slacks, shorts and skirts of modest length. Long-sleeved, short-sleeved or sleeveless shirts designed for golf, with or without collar. Sleeveless tops must have 2-inch shoulder straps.
 - NOT RECOMMENDED Halter tops, strapless tops, bare midriffs, tank tops, tee shirts, spaghetti straps, short-shorts and spandex shorts.

8. CONDUCT,

- a. BEGA members and guests are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the published Boeing Code of Conduct. Members and guests who do not adhere to the Boeing Code of Conduct or ordinary reasonable, commonsense rules of conduct are subject to disciplinary action up to and including being removed from league and association participation. League Officers should contact the BEGA Board when potential violations have occurred for direction and advice.

B. LEAGUE PLAY

1. SEASON

- a. The league season shall be for twenty (20) weeks (plus or minus two (2) weeks) divided into two ten-week periods. The official season will begin as early as practical, and shall be completed (i.e., first and second division winners determined) to support the Interleague Championship Tournament, traditionally held first weekend in October.

2. DIVISIONS

- a. Leagues may be divided into divisions based on handicap, at the discretion of the league, with approximately the same number of players in each division. Players shall be transferred between divisions whenever a change in their handicap would justify change, but not after the fourth round of point play of each half; players will be frozen in their division after the fourth round of play in each half.

3. LEAGUE WINNERS

- a. Suggested calculation of league winners to be represented in the Inter-League tournament/championship. Points will be won by match play (with handicap) and net medal play. Each league will use 7 out of 10 games to determine, by their own method, the first and second half winners. However, if legal holidays conflict with a round of league play, 6 of 9 games may be used. Only threesomes and foursomes will be scheduled, and each player will be matched against two opponents, i.e., 1st and 3rd

players against 2nd and 4th players. In the case of a three some, each player will be matched against the other two players.

- b. Two points will be awarded for winning a match play competition and two points shall be awarded for winning the net medal competition. In case of a tie, one point shall be awarded to each player. A maximum of eight points can be won by an individual during each round of play within a threesome or foursome. Players will not receive points by default. Make-up matches will not be allowed.
- c. In team play (which is the format used by couples' leagues), two points will be awarded to the team winning match and two points to the team winning medal, for a maximum of four points.

4. TRANSFERRING LEAGUES

- a. Members forced to transfer to another league because of job assignment changes will have their points and handicap records transferred to the Secretary of the new league. Points earned prior to the transfer will be applicable to the new league. The transferring player must play a minimum of three rounds in the new league to be eligible for the league trophy.

5. SCHEDULED PLAY

- a. The leagues will schedule players on a round-robin basis.

6. EXEMPT LEAGUES

- a. At the discretion of the Executive Board, leagues may be exempt from BEGA League Rules B.1., through B.5.; Leagues desiring exemption shall develop and submit a copy of their playing rules to the BEGA Secretary for Executive Board review and approval.

C. RULES OF PLAY

1. DEFAULT RULES

- a. Play will be governed by USGA rules, except where local course rules prevail.

2. USGA INTERPRETATION

- a. Each league President and Secretary will be given a USGA Rules Book, and it is their responsibility to interpret the rules for their league or contact a BEGA Board Member.

3. WINTER/SUMMER RULES

- a. Winter or summer rules of play will be observed depending on the status of the course being played. When a change in status occurs, the league Secretary shall notify the players of his/her league of this fact and establish when new playing rules will go into effect.

4. HOLE OUT

- a. In all BEGA tournaments, championships and weekly league play, the ball must be holed out (except in scramble tournaments/events). For scramble tournaments, the ball being used for scoring must be holed out.

5. NOT FINISHING A HOLE

- a. Any player picking up on a hole is disqualified from net medal points for their league round competition. They shall record an "X" for their score on the hole. They may continue match play with their opponents. The league Secretary shall pro-rate the "X" holes, for handicap purposes, to the maximum hole score allowed per equitable stroke control (see Section G.8.).

6. MAXIMUM HANDICAP

- a. Each league may determine the maximum handicap to be used during regular league play. Maximum 18-hole handicap indexes of 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women will be used for all BEGA Tournaments.

7. SCORE CARD

- a. Each player shall be responsible to complete their scorecard (with ESC adjustments, see Section G.8.) before submitting the card to the League Secretary for league play and Tournament Director for tournament or championship play.

8. LEAGUE DUES

- a. All payments for league dues shall be made payable to the participant's league. The acceptance of membership shall bind each member to all provisions of the Constitution and other rules of the Association.

9. ROUND SCORES

- a. For handicap purposes, league secretaries shall calculate all round scores in 9-hole increments. 18-hole rounds shall be calculated as two 9-hole rounds.

10. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE

- a. Each league may make their own determination on whether or not to invoke USGA rule 14-3 by establishing a Local Rule to allow the use of distance measuring devices for league play. The use of distance measuring devices for BEGA tournament or championship play is permitted.

11. HANDICAP RULE

- a. For all mixed or multiple tee events, USGA Handicap System Section 3-5 rule will be applied.

D. SPECIAL EVENTS (MEMBERS/GUESTS)

- 1. Special Events (which include the availability to invite Guests, non-BEGA members, to enter) are the following golf related events open to BEGA membership at large. These Special Events shall be approved by the Executive Board prior to publication:

- a. Fall Getaway Tournament
- b. Monday June Tournament
- c. Chapman Tournament
- d. Spring Tournament

At least one person on each two person team (for every Special Event noted in section D1) must be an active BEGA member. BEGA will include \$5 per BEGA member toward the prize fund. All Guests will pay an additional \$5 per entry fee, over the published BEGA entry fee. The Guests should be in a separate flight, with their \$5 additional entry fee used exclusively for the Guest flight prize pool. Guests are not eligible to win BEGA funded prizes.

E. TOURNAMENT RULES

1. BEGA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

- a. All individuals participating in BEGA tournaments must be members in good standing of BEGA and one of its member leagues, in good standing, unless otherwise stipulated in the tournament application. A BEGA member in good standing is one adhering to BEGA constitution and rules, including all dues paid to date and is an active member of a BEGA League in good standing. A BEGA League in good standing is one adhering to current BEGA constitution and rules, and has paid all required dues to date.
- b. A BEGA member belonging to any BEGA league which is not in good standing, will not be eligible to enter in or participate in any way in any BEGA tournaments.
- c. BEGA members eligible to enter tournaments may only enter once in each tournament.

2. DRESS CODE

- a. Dress code rules as defined in Section A.7., apply.

3. DIFFERENTIALS

- a. Tournament Differential requirements:

- (i) League Player Qualifications
 - The following differential requirements must have been posted with a league during the last twelve (12) months preceding the tournament date.
 - Tournaments scheduled prior to June shall require three 9-hole differentials.
 - Tournaments scheduled in June shall require five 9-hole differentials.
 - Tournaments scheduled in July shall require six 9-hole differentials.
 - Tournaments scheduled after July shall require seven 9-hole differentials.
 - (ii) USGA Player Qualifications
 - The following number of differentials must have been posted with an approved USGA handicap system during the 12 months preceding the tournament date.
 - Golfers who have been using an approved USGA handicap system for twelve months or more shall have posted ten 18-hole differentials to the approved system.
 - Golfers who have been using an approved USGA handicap system for less than twelve months shall have posted the following number of differentials to the approved system during the 12 months preceding the tournament date:
 1. Tournaments scheduled prior to June shall require two (2) 18-hole differentials.
 2. Tournaments scheduled in June shall require three (3) 18-hole differentials;
 3. Tournaments scheduled in July shall require five (5) 18-hole differentials;
 4. Tournaments scheduled after July shall require seven (7) 18-hole differentials.
 - (iii) The Officers' Tournament and the Interleague Championship do not require a set number of differentials to enter.
 - (iv) For 2 Man/Women Best Ball Tournaments, the Tournament Course Handicap for each player will be determined using 90% of their full Course Handicap for men and 95% of their full Course Handicap for Women.
 - (v) For 4 Man/Women Best Ball Tournaments using two best balls in competition, each player's Tournament Course Handicap will be determined using 90% of their full Course Handicap for men and 95% of their full Course Handicap for Women with no additional reduction necessary for players on each team with more than 8 strokes different in full Course Handicap.
 - (vi) Chapman: The partners will receive 50% of their individual Course Handicap. The percentage allowances are added together before rounding, and the total is rounded off with .5 or more rounded upward.
 - (vii) For all mixed or multiple tee events, USGA Handicap System Section 3-5 rule will be applied after all other handicap calculations are calculated.
4. SCHEDULE/ENTRY FORMS
- a. Tournament schedule and applicable entry forms may be distributed via BEGA Board communications or found on the BEGA website (www.begagolf.org).
5. FORMATS & HANDICAP USAGE
- a. Tournaments requiring a league handicap or an approved USGA handicap, the active GHIN will be used as the default Tournament Handicap for flights:
 - (i) Chapman Tournament: Two-player team competition. Both partners drive off the tee; each player then plays the second shot on his partner's ball. After the second

- shot, the team chooses the ball they wish to play and continually alternate shots until the ball is holed.
- (ii) Two-Person Best Ball Tournament: Two-player team, team low net competition. There are no handicap limitations. The lowest net score and lowest gross score on each hole will be used to determine the team net score and the team gross score.
 - (iii) Four-Person Best Ball Tournament: Four-player team competition. There are no handicap limitations within the foursome. The three lowest net scores on each hole will be used to determine the team score.
 - (iv) Two-Person Scramble Tournament: Two-player team low net competition. There is no handicap minimum or maximum. Each team member's drive must be used at least six times during the round.
 - (v) Four-Person Scramble Tournament: Four-player team low net competition. There is no handicap minimum or maximum. Each team member's drive must be used at least three times during the round.
 - (vi) Two-Person Best Ball Championship: Two-player team, team low gross and low net competition. Handicap for this championship will be limited to no more than a ten stroke differential between partners. The higher handicap shall be no greater than ten (10) strokes more than the lower handicap of the team. The lowest net score and lowest gross score on each hole will be used to determine the team net score and the team gross score.
 - (vii) Four-Person Best Ball Championship: Four-player team, team low gross and low net competition. Handicap for this championship will be limited to no more than a ten stroke differential between partners. The higher handicap shall be no greater than ten (10) strokes more than the lower handicap of the team. The lowest net score and lowest gross score on each hole will be used to determine the team net score and the team gross score.
 - (viii) Men's and Women's BEGA Championship: This is a thirty-six (36) hole championship, with individual low gross and low net competition by flight. The individual with low gross of the field is the BEGA [Low Gross] Champion [and the individual with the low net of the field is the BEGA Low Net Champion], and [each] receives free entry into the Championship tournament the following year. Additionally, BEGA will supply \$100 toward the entry fee for the Washington State Champion of Champions Tournament held at The Home Course for the following year for both the Men's and Women's [Low Gross] Champion.
 - (ix) Officer's Tournament: Each League's officers will play as a four-member team. The two low net scores on each hole will be used to determine team score.
- b. Tournaments using only League Handicap Index (LHI)
- (i) Interleague Tournament: (LHI only – GHIN is ONLY used if the League does not carry an LHI) Two-player team, best ball low net competition. This tournament will consist of three divisions (Men's, Women's and mixed). Men's and Women's leagues will be represented by the team consisting of their first and second division champions (or alternates). Mixed leagues will be represented by their league champions (or alternates). No BEGA member shall represent more than one league. The league secretaries will confirm the required minimum number of rounds played, verify the league handicap and provide information to BEGA tournament coordinator. Flights will be determined and controlled by the LHI as reported for this tournament qualification. Participants in the Interleague tournament with a valid USGA GHIN, will have their tournament scores posted to

GHIN via the tournament director. Teams consisting of 2 men will play in the Men's Division, teams consisting of 2 women will play in the Women's Division, teams consisting of 1 man and 1 woman will play in the Mixed Division. All divisions may have multiple flights based upon number of entries. In the event there are not enough entries (5 is recommended) to create a flight, the Tournament Director may create flights as most reasonably presented, i.e., women and mixed teams in the same flight, or all flights based on team handicap, etcetera, with all women's handicaps adjusted in accordance with USGA guidelines.

6. HANDICAP SOURCE

- a. An approved USGA handicap index, or league index as required in Section 5.a., must be used for BEGA tournaments and championships. GHIN will be used as the primary handicap if both GHIN and LHI exist (with the exception of the Interleague Tournament).

7. SCORING RECORD AUDITS

- a. The complete scoring records of each league member shall be made available to the BEGA Tournament Director(s) upon request.

8. CONTROLLING RULES

- a. Summer or winter rules will be observed as directed by the Tournament Director.
- b. All tournament play shall be governed by stroke (medal) play rules.

9. RESULTS POSTING TO LEAGUES

- a. All Best Ball and the thirty-six (36) hole Two-Day Championship results for men and women, including the Officers Tournament and the Interleague Championship must be added to league handicap records.

10. TIE BREAKING

- a. Tournament ties for first place only will be broken by:

- Most Double Eagles
- Most Eagles
- Most Birdies
- Most Pars
- Most Bogeys

If still tied, the winner will be the lower score (on the scorecard) on the last 3 holes, 6 holes, 9 holes, 12 holes, 15 holes - if still tied, the winner will be the lower score on the last hole, next to the last hole, and so on - if still tied, we will have co-champions. Net competition ties will be broken by net tiebreakers and gross competition ties will be broken by gross tiebreakers.

- b. Ties for runner-up positions will result in dividing place awards evenly between those players.

11. PACE OF PLAY

- a. USGA rule 5.6 (unreasonable delay of play) will be enforced. The penalty is loss of hole in match play or two strokes with disqualification for repeated offenses in medal play. This rule will be monitored by course marshals, as designated by the Tournament Director, who shall assess penalties as appropriate. Slow play in tournaments will result in a two stroke penalty after one official warning. Slow play is being more than one hole behind, which is defined as a group not teeing off before the group ahead has cleared the green (exception on par 3's). Playing without undue delay is defined as taking sixty (60) seconds or less to play a stroke. The sixty (60) seconds starts when it is your turn to play and includes practice swings and reading of the green. Upon encountering slow play

within a foursome, if the violator(s) upon request does not speed up play, an individual in the foursome has the right to call the course marshals to intervene so the non-offenders in the foursome do not incur the two stroke penalty. If a foursome completes play on holes [9] or [18] twenty (20) minutes after the preceding foursome has completed play on the hole, each member/team of the foursome shall be penalized two strokes for slow play. If a foursome completes play on holes [9] or [18] thirty (30) minutes after the preceding foursome has completed play on the hole, each member/team of the foursome shall be disqualified for slow play.

12. TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

- a. All BEGA members in good standing, adhering to BEGA constitution and rules, including all dues paid to date, are eligible to enter tournaments for which they have otherwise met the specific tournament qualifications. A BEGA member belonging to any BEGA league which is not in good standing, not adhering to current BEGA constitution and/or rules (including paying BEGA league dues) will not be eligible to enter in or participate in any way in any BEGA tournaments. BEGA members eligible to enter tournaments may only enter once in each tournament.

13. SCORING COMMITTEE

- a. The BEGA President shall appoint a Scoring Committee prior to each tournament. The Committee's purpose will be to adjudicate any tournament scoring problems. Members of the committee shall be the Tournament Director and two other members of the Executive Board and/or associates ad largum.

F. TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

1. ENTRY DEADLINE

- a. Entry deadline date for all final information submitted to the Tournament Director should be ten (10) days prior to the tournament date. Entry submission process may be dictated by each Director, which shall be stipulated on each tournament entry, and may include such acceptable transmissions as U.S. Postal Service, E-mail, Web submission, or any combination thereof, and as deemed appropriate for the Director to enroll timely and properly presented participants. The Tournament Director shall receive all entry forms by the deadline date. Incomplete entries or entries received after the deadline are not eligible for tournament play.

2. LEAGUE DATA REQUIREMENTS

- a. Entry forms for tournaments shall be provided by BEGA members to their league secretaries twenty-one (21) days prior to the tournament date.

3. SECRETARY DUTIES FOR ENTRIES

- a. League secretaries shall provide completed entries by tournament entry deadline. Handicap (LHI and/or GHIN) cut-off date is two weeks before the tournament for entrants with required rounds.

4. FIELD/FLIGHT DIVISIONS

- a. The number of flights for each tournament will be based on the number of teams or individuals entering the tournament and their registered handicaps. At the Tournament Director's discretion, for all tournaments, the entry form should include an option for entry into a senior flight, for players over sixty (60) years of age. It is recommended that a minimum of twenty-four (24) players in the field per tournament be required to offer the event. There must be at least five (5) players or teams to make a flight. The Monday June, Fall Getaway, and Spring tournaments, as well as any applicable Men/Women/Mixed (combination field) as advertised tournament, shall strive to provide Men's, Women's and Mixed flights for team competition. In the event that

insufficient Women's or Mixed teams are entered, at the Tournament Director's discretion, they may be combined into the same flight with all women's handicaps adjusted in accordance with USGA guidelines.

5. CONFIRMATION/TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- a. Starting times and team information will be distributed, per instructions included on each tournament entry form, no later than one week prior to the tournament. The Tournament Director will distribute (via email, or in printed form to each player) prior to starting the tournament round, whether the event is summer/winter rules, applicable handicap usage (maximum 18-hole handicap indexes for BEGA tournament play is 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women) as well as clarifying any local or course specific rules applicable at time of tournament play, or other information the Director deems necessary to share with enrolled players which was not covered in the entry communications.

6. PRIZE FUNDS

- a. BEGA contributions to Tournament prize funds are determined by the Tournament Director with approval of the BEGA Treasurer. Funds for each tournament will not be published until they are approved by the BEGA Treasurer, and as deemed necessary by the Tournament Director, and shall only be distributed to participants, BEGA Board members and player league officer(s). Standard tournaments may include \$5 per player and Championships may include \$20 per player BEGA prize fund for contribution. Only active BEGA members in good standing are eligible to receive BEGA funded prize winnings, see Section E.1. If competition has both low gross and low net, low gross takes precedence over low net. The winners for each category will receive equal prizes.

7. SCORING/REPORTING

- a. Tournament Director(s) shall use the BEGA provided application, Golf Genius (GG) <https://www.golfgenius.com/>, for scoring, reporting results and posting scores to GHIN (Golf Handicap Index Network).

8. RESULTS

- a. Results of the Tournament and prize information will be sent out no later than fourteen (14) days from the last day of the Tournament and made available to tournament players and BEGA Executive Board for league distribution.
- b. Results should include:
 - (i) complete player lists with handicap used for course,
 - (ii) results of each player/team and ranking and winnings,
 - (iii) gross hole-by-hole scores for posting to league records with league names or
 - (iv) 9 or 18 hole ESC reports with league names.

Report formats will be in accordance with the tournament application report format, presented with industry standard (pdf) format to Web Master for publication on the BEGA web page. Tournament Director(s) shall post scores to players GHIN within two (2) weeks of the tournament completion.

9. PAYOUTS TO WINNERS

- a. Prizes, results as specified under Section 8.a., for each Tournament, shall be finalized by the BEGA Treasurer to each winning golfers League (in good standing, see Section E.1.) Treasurer, for disbursement to the winning BEGA golfer, no later than thirty (30) days from the results being posted/made available to the tournament participants. Each Leagues Treasurer should dispense prize winnings to the winning member(s) within thirty (30) days of receiving directed prize funds.

G. LEAGUE HANDICAPS

1. **HANDICAP COMPUTATION:** Handicaps will be computed each week and posted on the player's handicap record. Handicap records kept on a computer must display the date when the round was played. Any record submitted without effective dates will not be accepted. All handicaps will be computed utilizing the USGA Equitable Stroke Control method including Slope (see Section G.5-8). Optionally, leagues, at their discretion, may require an approved USGA handicap for league play. The exact USGA rating (utilizing decimals) of each nine and Slope rating of all courses used by the BEGA League will be used for handicap computations. Slope and ratings can be found on <https://ncrdb.usga.org/>. If a league chooses to purchase commercially available software for index maintenance/scoring, they do so with the understanding that compliance with Section E.6.a., is mandatory.
2. **PRIOR YEAR DATA:** Handicaps and handicap record data must be carried forward from year to year. Records from any previous BEGA league must be used, unless a later non-BEGA (USGA) handicap has been established. If there has not been a more recent non-BEGA (USGA) handicap established, the BEGA handicap will be used if possible, even if the player was not a BEGA member in the immediate past year or years.
3. **NEW PLAYER HANDICAP:** Players entering a league who have not established a BEGA handicap in the previous year(s) will provide the league Secretary their club or other association handicap (if available) or provide the secretary scores or information sufficient enough for the Secretary to assign a handicap for the first round. If they cannot do this to the Secretary's satisfaction, they shall play the first round scratch.
4. **LEAGUE MATCH:** Full handicap difference shall be allowed in league matches.
5. **DIFFERENTIALS:** Handicap differentials will be determined by subtracting the USGA Course Rating from the player's nine hole adjusted score. A sample handicap differential would be as follows:

Actual score for 9 holes = 48
ESC Adjusted score = 46
Less USGA Course Rating 35.5
 $46 - 35.5 = 10.5$ Difference
Difference multiplied by 113
 $10.5 \times 113 = 1186.5$
Divide by Slope
Slope Rating 123
 $1186.5 / 123 = 9.6463$
Round to nearest 10th
9.6 = Handicap Differential

See Section G.8., for adjusted score (ESC) requirement.

6. **HANDICAP 9-HOLE:** The current nine-hole handicap of each player shall be established as follows:
 - a. Handicap differentials to be used:
 - Rounds Differential Used 1 through 6 Lowest
 - Differentials 7 and 8 Low 2
 - Differentials 9 and 10 Low 3
 - Differentials 11 and 12 Low 4
 - Differentials 13 and 14 Low 5
 - Differentials 15 and 16 Low 6
 - Differentials 17 Low 7
 - Differentials 18 Low 8

Differentials 19 Low 9

Differentials 20 Low 10 out of last 20 rounds played

- b. Add the lowest round differentials and divide by the number of differentials. This establishes the Average Differential.
- c. To determine the Handicap Index, multiply the Average Differential by .96 and drop everything after the tenths digit.

EXAMPLE: Average Differential = 19.2 multiply by .96 = 18.432 Drop after 1/10 = 18.4 = handicap index

NOTE: USGA and BEGA tournament limits 18-hole handicap indexes to a maximum of 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women.

7. CALCULATION OF COURSE HANDICAPS:

- 18-hole course handicap = 9-hole index multiplied by 2, multiplied by the Slope of the course being played, divided by 113. The resulting figure is rounded to the nearest whole number (.5 rounds upward).
- 9-hole course handicap = 9-hole index multiplied by Slope of the course being played divided by 113. The resulting figure is rounded to the nearest whole number (.5 rounds upward).

8. EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL (ESC):

Course Handicap	Maximum Score Per Hole
up to 9	2 over par
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40+	10

Each player is responsible for verifying their own correct score. The stroke reduction is for handicap computation only; it is not to be used for competition.