

## Coronado Men's Golf Club Intra-Club Local Handicap

### Local Handicap

A “*local handicap*” is either a handicap that is above the maximum *Handicap Index* limit (Section 3-4), a handicap that is revised more frequently than allowed (Section 8-3) or a handicap based on a player's temporary disability. A *local handicap* is not a *Handicap Index* and it must be identified by the letter “L” to indicate that it is for local use only. A *local handicap* is expressed as a number taken to one decimal place and is used to convert to a *Course Handicap* (e.g. 41.5L). (See *handicap type, trend handicap*, and Section 3-3.)

**Why we use a Local Handicap:** As previously noted, the Board of Governors for years has fielded numerous complaints from members regarding the frequency of a few members to place higher in CMGC tournament play than their handicaps would indicate possible. Although there is a tournament factor in place in the USGA handicap system (Section 10-3), it is widely contested as ineffective in providing fair tournament play and considered susceptible to manipulation.

The Board has agreed that some form of Local Handicap is warranted, as authorized by the USGA Handicap Manual. The handicap committee, with exhaustive analysis, considered numerous options. A software program has been developed as a tool for determination of a Local Handicap.

This system measures the performance of members in local CMGC competitive events (only those played at the Coronado Golf Course) and is less likely to be manipulated. This system will be implemented and maintained by the Handicap Chairman and the Tournament Chairman. More importantly, it will finally provide us a fair and effective system for leveling the field in our club tournaments.

**What it is:** The CMGC Intra-Club Local Handicap Program runs in conjunction with the current tournament software used to manage the CMGC monthly tournaments. The program computes a Local Handicap based upon performance in designated CMGC tournaments. All CMGC tournaments will play to the lower of USGA or Local Handicaps, however only tournaments depending on Individual Low Net results will be

used in the computation of the Local Handicaps. Best/Better ball or other team events will not be posted as T-rounds or used in computing Local Handicaps.

**WHAT IT IS NOT: THIS SYSTEM WILL NOT REPLACE OR AFFECT ANYONE'S USGA/SCGA INDEX IN ANY WAY. IT WILL ONLY COMPUTE A LOCAL HANDICAP FOR USE IN OUR CMGC TOURNAMENTS. MEMBERS ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCURATE POSTING OF ALL SCORES OF ROUNDS PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH USGA & SCGA HANDICAP REGULATIONS.**

**How will it work?** The program will maintain tournament records as output by the tournament management software. A player will have no more than the most recent 10 local tournament rounds in his tournament history. As a new tournament round is input, old tournament data which will total more than 10 tournament rounds will drop out of the queue. *Rounds older than one year will be not be part of the scoring record.* Most CMGC events are two days, which is treated in the program as two distinct rounds. The effect of the Local Handicap becomes more apparent as the number of rounds increases up to the maximum of ten.

The Local Handicap is computed by averaging a member's adjusted gross tournament score difference over the course rating of his best 50% of tournament round scores, thereby reflecting his local CMGC scoring potential.

**The CMGC Intra-Club Handicap issued to a player by the Tournament Chairman prior to each club tournament will be the lesser of this Local Handicap or his current SCGA index.**

**Who will manage this system?** Responsibility for maintaining the system will be that of the CMGC Tournament Chairman, in conjunction with the CMGC Handicap Committee.

- CMGC Handicap Committee