

Under the new Men's Night handicapping system, a player's handicap will be automatically adjusted up or down depending on their Gross score performance after the round. The Gross score is the sum of the Stableford score plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  the handicap. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  handicap value on the first night becomes the starting point against which the handicap will be adjusted for each week thereafter. On subsequent nights, the player need only submit his Stableford score (which does NOT include  $\frac{1}{2}$  his handicap). Each week, the system takes into account the player's current handicap then adds his Stableford score to determine the Gross score. The player's handicap will be adjusted up or down depending on the number of Gross points earned. Stableford points are awarded as follows:

- 1 below par: 4 points
- par: 2 points
- 1 over par 1 point
- 2 over par: 0 points
- 3 over par: -1 point

**Example:**

For a scratch player (zero handicap), a par round is considered 18 points for nine holes. This is based on 2 points earned per hole for nine holes. For a player with a higher handicap, Stableford points earned are added to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the player's handicap to determine his Gross score. As an example, if you earn 12 Stableford points and have a handicap of 7.5 ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of 15), your Gross score is  $12+7.5=19.5$ . This means that you scored better than par by +1.5 points ( $19.5 - 18$ ). In this example, your handicap would remain the same according to the table below.

The table shows the point steps used by the software to adjust the handicap after each round. The first column compares Gross Score to 18 (Gross Score – 18). The second column represents the Gross Score for the round ( $\frac{1}{2}$  handicap + Stableford Score). The right hand column represents the increment by which the  $\frac{1}{2}$  handicap will be adjusted up or down. The handicap cannot go down by more than 0.5 and cannot go up by more 1.5.

Gross Score - 18	Gross Score	Adjustment to Handicap
+2 or more	20 or more	-0.5
-1.5 to +1.5	16.5 to 19.5	0
-2	16	+0.5
-2.5 to -4.5	Between 15.5 and 13.5	+1.0
-5.0 or less	13.0 or less	+1.5

Once the handicap is adjusted, the new value will be used in the following week's game.