

How the handicaps are calculated for Thursday evenings.

Handicaps are based on your National Grading System (NGS) average (A) at 8<sup>th</sup> February such that A + the handicap is equal to the highest NGS average in the club (64.85 in 2020). This is then increased by 1.7% for each 1% difference between A and 64.85 to give weaker players a better chance of beating stronger players.

The formula: H'cap =  $[64.85 - A \times 1.017 \text{ to the power of } (64.85 - A)]$

For some members, chiefly where no NGS average is available, A is estimated by noting their average at their main playing session and adjusted according to the strength of that playing session. High h'caps have been restricted to a maximum of 40 with tapering for those between 31 and 40.