

## **Handicaps for the Eddie McGeough Summer Competition**

### **Why handicaps?**

We will be using the facility provided by our website on Bridgewebs to calculate handicaps. Using handicaps allows players of different skill levels to compete more fairly.

### **How we calculate handicaps**

Each month, your handicap is calculated from the average of all your results for the previous 12 months. This figure is then taken away from 50 to give you a handicap for that month.

So if your average over the year is 54% then your handicap is 50 minus 54 which gives you a negative handicap of minus-4, likewise if your average score is 48% over the year then your handicap is 50 minus 48, giving you a handicap of plus 2.

Your handicap for May 2026 (when the new competition starts) will be the average of all your results from May 2025 – April 2026. Your handicap for June 2026 will be the average of all your results from June 2025 – May 2026.

### **How we use handicaps to adjust your score**

Your handicap is added to the score you get each week in our new Summer Competition. Players with a negative handicap will therefore have their scores reduced. Players with a positive handicap have their scores increased. This is how a 'level playing field' is achieved.

The handicap used to change the score is actually the average of the handicaps of both members making up the partnership. For example if a pair A and B score 52% in a handicapped event and their individual handicaps are -5.00 and +3.00, respectively, their average handicap is calculated by adding -5 and +3 = -2. This is divided by 2 to calculate a partnership handicap of -1. The score of 52% is added to this partnership handicap to give a net score of  $52 - 1 = 51\%$

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