

USCA Guidelines for Golf Croquet Tournaments, Handicaps and Rankings (Revised 2 January 2013)

The USCA has determined that it will utilize the Golf Croquet World Ranking list for seeding events and recording scores. The following is the process for using these guidelines.

TOURNAMENTS

USCA Golf Croquet tournaments will use the current Golf Croquet World Rankings, as it's ranking system. It is recommended that this list be used to seed tournaments however, other seeding methods may be used at the tournament director's choosing. The World Ranking list can be found on the Croquet Association's website at the following Internet address: <https://www.croquet.org.uk/?p=golf/gcrankings.html>.

More importantly, it is the tournament director's responsibility to report the results of each game played, in its proper order, to the World Ranking list. This is to be done in a very specific format, preferably in an **excel spreadsheet**. It should be reported as follows:

Anyclub GC Open
3-5 October 2011
9 games

1	BLOGGS	Fred	beat	DOE	John	7	6
2	SMITH	Bruce	beat	BROWN	Peter	7	1
3	SMITH	Bruce	beat	DOE	John	7	4
4	BLOGGS	Fred	beat	BROWN	Peter	7	4
5	DOE	John	beat	BROWN	Peter	7	4
6	BLOGGS	Fred	beat	SMITH	Bruce	7	6
Final							
7	BLOGGS	Fred	beat	SMITH	Bruce	7	6
8	SMITH	Bruce	beat	BLOGGS	Fred	7	6
9	BLOGGS	Fred	beat	SMITH	Bruce	7	5

Tournament winner: Fred Bloggs

Please:

- Use a separate cell for game number, WINNER SURNAME, winner forename, "beat", LOSER SURNAME, looser forename, winning points, losing points
- Report best-of-three matches as two or three separate games
- Make clear who won the event (it's sometimes not obvious from the results)
- Include forenames and ensure that spellings of both surnames and forenames are exactly correct
- If there are any players new to the system please also supply their GC handicap

These results should be sent directly to snmulliner@googlemail.com

HANDICAPS

Although the USCA does not maintain a handicap system for Golf Croquet, handicaps are necessary in helping to assist in obtaining an initial ranking into the World Ranking system. It is recommended that a club handicapper assign handicaps. This can be established by one of two methods.

Players who hold a USCA handicap and have no Golf Croquet World Ranking need some method of entering the World Ranking system. The keepers of the system have requested when results are submitted, those not in the system should submit their Golf Croquet handicap so that they can be properly placed. That handicap can be determined through the following table.

USCA Handicap	Golf Handicap
-2 or less	1
-1.5 to -0.5	2
0 to 1.5	3
2 to 3.5	4
4 to 5	5
6 to 7	6
8 to 10	7
10 to 13	8
14 to 15	9
16 to 17	10
18 to 19	11
20	12

If a player does not happen to have a USCA handicap and strictly plays Golf Croquet, the best method to determine a handicap is to begin in the fourth corner and count the number of strokes it takes to run hoops one through six inclusive. This exercise should be done three times to the best of the player's ability, and then the aggregate (total) number of strokes should be looked up in the following table.

Total Strokes Taken	Golf Handicap
50 to 54	7
55 to 60	8
61 to 64	9
64 to 70	10
71 to 78	11
Greater than 78	12

Clubs should assign a club handicapper the task of helping to assist its members in determining their proper handicaps. These charts serve as a general guideline and exceptions may occur in which case suitable adjustments should be made.

RANKINGS

As previously noted, the USCA will use the World Golf Croquet Ranking list as its official rankings. The list is maintained by Stephan Mulliner and can be found at <https://www.croquet.org.uk/?p=golf/gcrankings.html>. In order for results to qualify for the rankings, they must be in actual sanctioned events. The ranking system does not accept basic club play results.