

David L. Baker Senior Men's Golf Club Procedure Number 1

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Handicap Determination Methodology

The David L Baker Senior Men's Golf Club (Men's Club) uses the American Golf Program, the same as used by the SCGA, to determine individual member course handicaps. Only score cards from Men's Club Individual Gross tournaments are used in determining handicaps.

Only the last 20 scores are ever considered for entry into calculations. When one records his 21st play, the first score is dropped to accommodate only 20 scores. However, all 20 scores are never used. Scores that enter into determining handicaps are based on the lowest scores as function of plays.

5-6 plays	the lowest single score		15-16 plays	the lowest six scores
7-8 plays	the lowest two scores		17 plays	the lowest seven scores
9-10 plays	the lowest three scores		18 plays	the lowest eight scores
11-12 plays	the lowest four scores		19 plays	the lowest nine scores
13-14 plays	the lowest five scores		20 plays	the lowest ten scores

Calculation: For illustrational purposes, assume scores of 69,72 and 67. A personal index number for each score is determined by: $\text{index} = [(\text{score}) - (\text{course index}) \times (\text{SCGA constant } 113) \times (0.96)] \text{ divided by } (\text{course slope})$ *SCGA constant 113 represents a standard course 0.96 denotes a 100% average as in bowling and other sports*

Using the assumptions above: **Score 69**; $\text{index} = (69 - 57.7 \times 113 \times 0.96) / 91 = 13.5$ index number; **Score 72** = 17.0 index number; and **Score 67** = 11.5 index number

Personal index is then the average of index numbers $(13.5) + (17.0) + (11.5)$ divided by 3 = 14.0. A tournament handicap is then determined by referencing the SCGA slope chart vs the personal index. **Baker's slope is 91, thus an index of 14.0 results in a handicap of 10.** A (T) behind your posted handicap denotes you have played better than your current handicap.

Remember only the lowest scores of 20 games are used and at the 21st game the first score played is dropped. When the 21st score is recorded, it may become one of the 10 lowest or 10 highest scores. Changing a handicap is a slow process.

For new members a temporary handicap is assigned after two rounds of golf have been played. The best score of the two will be used until games played has reached the levels described above and scores are posted into the computer system.

Flight Determination

The tournament chairman will form four flights of almost equal number of players based upon handicaps from the sign-up list for each tournament. It is possible for a player to be playing in the B flight one tournament and in the A or C flight the next tournament depending upon the number of players in each tournament and the individual's handicap.