



## Proposal for Handicap adjustments for future EPiC Events

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### 1. Background

There has always been a need for a penalty system to be adopted to prevent, particularly new but also quickly improving members, from winning multiple trophies in a short space of time. The principle does not change, however.

It was agreed after the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 (Bishops Stortford) Committee meeting that Rob Seeley (Captain) and the Secretary would review this document and firm up proposals to make fairer the penalty applied to winners and runners-up.

### 2. Outline Proposals

As most players are on a WHS Handicap ratified to 1 decimal place it would be simple to apply a percentage deduction. (Rather than the current 2 shots for the winner and 1 shot for the runner-up)

15% is proposed as the standard. (This would have produced a 2.1 shot penalty at the average winner's handicap of 14 and a 1.0 shot penalty at the average of 13 for runners-up in 2023.)

WHS Handicap	5%	7.50%	<b>10%</b>	12.50%	15%	17.50%	20%
5	-0.3	-0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.6	-0.8	-0.9	-1
10	-0.5	-0.8	<b>-1</b>	-1.3	-1.5	-1.8	-2
15	-0.8	-1.1	<b>-1.5</b>	-1.9	-2.3	-2.6	-3
20	-1	-1.5	<b>-2</b>	-2.5	-3	-3.5	-4
25	-1.3	-1.9	<b>-2.5</b>	-3.1	-3.8	-4.4	-5
30	-1.5	-2.3	<b>-3</b>	-3.8	-4.5	-5.3	-6
35	-1.8	-2.6	<b>-3.5</b>	-4.4	-5.3	-6.1	-7
40	-2	-3	<b>-4</b>	-5	-6	-7	-8
45	-2.3	-3.4	<b>-4.5</b>	-5.6	-6.8	-7.9	-9
50	-2.5	-3.8	<b>-5</b>	-6.3	-7.5	-8.8	-10
54	-2.7	-4.1	<b>-5.4</b>	-6.8	-8.1	-9.5	-10.8

### 3. Implementation

Approval has been given by committee by email consensus and now needs to be ratified at the AGM.

The new system if ratified will be brought in on an event by event basis as they occur in 2024.