

Handicap Stroke Allotment

Course Predominance is SOUTH-NORTH-WEST
Based on 2015 Course Rating

What is a Handicap Stroke?

It is a stroke applied to a gross score which, in effect, subtracts the player's handicap stroke(s) from the player's gross score for a hole or round, which is referred to the player's net score.

What is the purpose of allocating handicap strokes to certain holes?

It is to equalize the abilities of players at different handicap levels. It allows a 30-handicap player to equitably compete against a 15 handicap player. Some formats apply "stroke holes" or "pops" on a hole by hole basis.

RLPWGA "pops" are applied to the hardest holes for the number of the players handicap. For example, a 10-handicap player will get 10 pops, applied to the hardest holes taking the course predominance into account. A 30- handicap player will get 30 pops on 18 holes (one pop on each of the 18 holes plus 1 more pop on 12 of the hardest holes for a total of 30 pops).