



APPENDIX D

Details of the Four Priority Changes

The following Four Priority Changes to the GA Handicap System will come into effect on Wednesday 21 September:

1. Alter 'Best 10 of 20' to 'Best 8 of 20'.
2. Change the Multiplier from 0.96 to 0.93.
3. Introduce an Anchor which will prevent a player's handicap from increasing any more than 4 strokes beyond their best exact handicap from the previous 12-month rolling period.
4. GOLF *Link* will cap the score that goes into a player's handicap record at no more than the following amount over the course rating:
 - 50-women
 - 40-men

FAQs

- ***From 21 September 2011, my handicap calculation will be based on the best 8 of my most recent 20 scores. Do I still divide the total by 10 before multiplying by the new figure of 0.93?*** No, you will need to divide the total by 8.
- ***When the Anchor comes into effect on 21 September 2011, can my Anchor handicap come from before 21 September 2011?*** Yes, on 21 September 2011, a player's Anchor handicap will be the best exact handicap they have achieved in the period between 21 September 2010 and 21 September 2011.
- ***What if I'm coming back from an injury or my handicap clearly won't be sufficient for some other reason?*** As has always been the case, the club should manually adjust your handicap – when your club enters your new handicap into GOLF *Link*, it will over-ride the old Anchor. Clubs are encouraged to make use of this regulation when needed.

Greater Technical Details

These are available from www.golfaustralia.org.au (go to **Rules & Handicapping**, then **Handicapping & Course Rating**, then **News & Communication**).