

TO: US Professionals & USCTA Board Members
CC: USCTA website, International Handicap Sub-Committee
FROM: Handicap & Ranking Committee (via Jeremy Wintersteen, Chair and Steve Virgona, Professional Representative)
RE: Club Handicap Lists and Handicapping Policy
DATE: 11/25/09

Club Handicap Lists

- At least once a year, club professionals should review their RTO club handicap lists to make needed corrections, deletions, and updates. This will help to ensure that the US handicap lists are as accurate as possible. Please make sure players are current members of your clubs, have a singles and doubles handicap, and that player club and contact information is correct.
- We would appreciate it if you could complete your list work by December 11, 2009 and then by September 1 going forward each year. Thank you.

Handicap Policy

The USCTA has approved the below recommendations of the H&RC so we ask you to please implement these going forward.

1) Doubles Handicaps

- Round at the end of the calculation.
- USCTA national (doubles) tournaments will use the better of a player's singles or doubles handicap. If a player does not have one recorded singles match in RTO in the prior six months (to the setting of the draw) and three recorded singles matches in the prior twelve months, then a doubles handicap will be used. The Tournament Chair shall be the final arbiter of handicap questions.

Note: This policy applies only to USCTA national tournaments. Clubs may use handicaps as they see fit for other tournaments but we encourage clubs to follow this policy. Tournament Organizers may need to check in with RTO (Tim Graham) to verify the six and twelve-month requirement for recorded singles matches.

2) Manual Adjustments

- Discouraged but professionals have latitude to do them if them necessary. If done, an explanation needs to be provided.

3) Category 1 and Social Matches

- Category 1 players (5.4 handicap and better) are only allowed to enter competitive matches on RTO. The recording of social matches is no longer permitted.

4) Title Holder Seeding (for USCTA Amateur S&D tournaments)

- Seed by handicap with rounding preference given to titleholders.

5) Maximum Handicaps

- Suggested maximum of 80 for true beginners and maximum use of the provisional status.

Please feel free to contact any of the H&RC listed below if you have any questions or need more information. Thank you.

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