

## **New for 2023**

Rules of Handicapping, as of January 1, 2023, have made a change which affects “Stroke Play” only.

### **What did the old rule say about handicaps on scorecards?**

Rule 3.3b (4) said that in handicap competitions, a player was responsible for making sure “that his or her handicap is shown on the scorecard”. If a player presented a card with no handicap shown on it, or a handicap that was too high, they were disqualified if this affected the number of strokes the player received.

If the handicap on the scorecard was too low, there was no penalty but the player’s net score stood using the lower handicap.

*EG: Lower handicap will result in a higher net score / Higher handicap will result in a lower net score.*

### **What does the new rule say about handicaps on scorecards?**

Rule 3.3b (4) now says a player is no longer required to show their handicap on their scorecard or to add up their own scores.

It is the **committee’s responsibility** to calculate the player’s handicap strokes for the competition and to use that handicap to calculate the player’s net score.