

APPENDIX D

COMPETITION STABLEFORD ADJUSTMENT (CSA)

Amendments valid per 1-1-2008.

INTRODUCTION

The USGA course rating states: "The USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating must reflect conditions normal for the season(s) when most rounds are played". However, often there are rounds played when either the weather or the course conditions are not normal and within the *EGA Handicap System* these rounds directly affect handicaps. The CSA calculation was developed to determine when the conditions deviate so far from normal that effectively the "normal conditions Rating" does not apply and an allowance should be made to compensate. The CSA system is based on the very successful system of Competition Scratch Score (CSS), which was developed by the British "Council of National Golf Unions" and introduced in 1989.

In the CSA calculation, the performance of the field of players is compared with the calculated expected performance of these players under normal conditions. If the variation from the expected is outside set limits an adjustment is made to the Stableford scores of all players dependant on how large the variation is. The expected score is varied according to proportion of each *Handicap Category* in the field. When conditions deviate from normal the CSA can adjust Stableford scores upwards (+1, +2 or +3) or downwards (-1), and, if conditions are extreme, can even result in the scores counting for Reduction Only with no increase being applied.

Like in the first two editions of the *EGA Handicap System* the adoption of CSA will remain optional. However, the introduction of CSS in Great Britain and Ireland and CSA in a few continental countries was so successful that the positive results on handicapping can not longer be neglected.

The EGA strongly recommends the *National Associations* to adopt CSA as from the 1st of January 2007.

DEFINITION

The "Competition Stableford Adjustment" is an adjustment factor to be made to a player's Stableford score following each round of a *Qualifying Competition* pursuant to clause 20.6.

PROCEDURE

The CSA shall be calculated at the conclusion of each round of a *Qualifying Competition* by following the procedure set out below.

Number of competitors including No Returns		Percentages		Rounded %
Category 1	A	$A \times 100 / D$	F	I
Category 2	B	$A+B \times 100 / D$	G	M
Category 1 + 2	A + B		M-I=J	J
Category 3 + 4	C		100 minus box M	K
Total A+B+C	D		Total I+J+K	100

Number of Stableford scores of 34 or 35 (see note 6.) points or more in Hcp. Categories 1, 2 and 3 + 4	E	$E \times 100 / D$	H	L
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1. Enter in boxes A, B, and C the number of competitors, **including No Returns**, from each of the *Handicap Categories* 1, 2 and 3 + 4.
2. Enter the total number of competitors in *Handicap Categories* 1, 2, 3 and 4 including No Returns, in box D. This number shall not be less than 15. If the number is less than 15 no CSA will be applied.
3. In boxes F,G enter the percentages of the adjacent boxes in relation to box D as indicated.
4. Round the number in box F to the nearest 10 % and enter the result in box I (5 % upwards).
5. Round the number in box G to the nearest 10 % and enter the result in box M (5 % upwards) and subtract I . $M - I = J$
6. Enter in box E the number of competitors in *Handicap Categories* 1, 2, 3 and 4 who have returned scores of 34 Stableford points or more if $M = 60\%$ or higher. For $M = 50\%$ or less use 35 Stableford points . Enter percentage H.
7. Enter in box K the total of box M deducted from 100. The percentage in box K may not coincide with the rounded percentage box C would provide if calculated.
8. Round the number in box H to the nearest whole number (0.5 upwards) and enter the result in box L.

9. Select Table B.
Select the row which contains the percentages shown in boxes I, J and K.
10. In the row selected find the column which includes the number in box L.
The adjustment to the Stableford score of each competitor is shown in the heading of that column and that number is added to or deducted from all scores before calculating handicap adjustments.
11. The heading R/O at the top of a column in the Tables indicates that scores returned shall not result in handicap increases. Reductions of handicap will be made after adding three Stableford points to the Stableford scores of all competitors.
12. When a competition has been abandoned for any reason, reductions of handicaps shall be on the basis of Stableford points scored without adjustment.
No handicaps shall be increased.
13. In the event of all competitors in a *Qualifying Competition* holding handicaps in *Handicap Categories 5*, handicap increases and reductions of handicap shall be on the basis of the Stableford points scored without adjustment.
14. Handicap Committees are reminded that they do not have a discretion to determine whether a Qualifying Competition shall or shall not be "Reduction Only".
15. CSA may not be applied to Extra Day Scores [or to 9-holes scores](#).

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