

Handicap Review Criteria (July 2026)

1. Prior to the **start** of the season and based upon the previous Review Period only (i.e. not the overall season performance – the Review Period being the **second half** of the previous season).
2. After **all** teams have **played each other once** (half way point in the season) - with changes effective at the beginning of the second half of matches – the Review Period being the first half from the current season.
3. If the fixtures are changed to **3 rounds**, then the review will occur after each team has **played each other once** (so there will be 3 review periods in total, with the Review Period changing appropriately to match).
4. **New players** to the league will start on a **maximum of +35** and will be subject to an **ongoing review process within their first season** (via a majority vote of the Committee).
5. Players have to complete **5 matches** to be reviewed (3 matches if 3 rounds are played).
6. **Lowest** handicap is **+14** unless:
 - a. A player is deemed **exceptional**, in which case their handicap will be **0**.
 - b. A player is part of a **multi-year league winning team**, in which case they can be assigned **7 (2-year streak)** or **0 (3+ year streak)**.
7. **Highest** handicap is **+63**.
8. *Handicaps are incremented in **multiples of 7** only.*

The criteria for the reviews will be as follows:

1. Win percentage **70 – 100%**, **7-point deduction**
2. Win percentage **35 – 69%**, **no change**
3. Win percentage **0 – 34%**, **7-point increase**

Note that all outcomes with respect to the ‘Handicap Review Process’ are final and no appeals will be accepted given that the criteria is clearly defined and measurable.