

APPENDIX K

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE EGA HANDICAP SYSTEM

A *National Association* that has decided to adopt the *EGA Handicap System* should proceed as follows:

1. Establish a *Handicap Committee* of the *National Association*.
2. The *National Association* must first obtain written authorization from the USGA in order to use the USGA Course and Slope Rating System.
3. Establish a Course Rating Committee
4. Enlist course rating volunteers and establish the Rating Teams.
 - training of Course Raters (training and calibrating seminars) .
 - designate experienced Course Raters as **team leaders**.
5. Rate all the courses of the *Affiliated Clubs* and determine the Course Ratings and the Slope Ratings.
6. Once the *National Association* has finished the rating, it must obtain the written authorization from the *EGA* in order to use the *EGA Handicap System*.
7. The first edition of the *EGA Handicap System* allows the *National Association* some latitude to choose different options in the system, but the Association may not make amendments to the regulations that depart from the fundamental principles and calculations of the system. The *National Association* must ensure the integrity of *EGA Handicaps* issued under its jurisdiction.

The *National Association* should answer the following questions and make decisions accordingly:

- (a) should any part of the jurisdiction for the administration of the *EGA Handicap System* be delegated to an *Area Authority* (**clause 12.3**)
- (b) may the system only be used for members of *Affiliated Clubs*, or also for
 - individual members of the **Association**; or
 - individual players registered and controlled by the **Association** (**clause 12.5**).How will the administration and registration of handicaps of the last two categories be **organized**. In this case the **Association** must assume the responsibility as *Handicapping Authority*.
- (c) is the adjustment of a player's handicap the responsibility of the player or his *Handicapping Authority* (**clause 12.8**).
- (d) are *Extra Day Scores* accepted for handicapping purposes (**clause 12.9 + 18.1**) and will there be a limit of the number of *Extra Day Scores* allowed (**clause 18.8**). May a player mark an *Extra Day Score* only at his *Home Club*, or at any *Club* (**clause 18.3**).
- (e) does the **Association** adopt the *Competition Stableford Adjustment* (**clause 12.10 + Appendix D**).
- (f) the **Association** shall establish the procedure to record *Qualifying Scores* (**clause 12.11**).
- (g) the **Association** shall determine the *Period for Preferred Lies* (**clause 12.12**).
- (h) **the Association must declare the duration of the Winter Period, if adopted.**

- (i) does the **Association** require an examination on the Rules of Golf before allotting a player an *EGA Exact Handicap* (clause 12.14).
- (j) the **Association** shall establish a procedure to adjudicate upon the suspension of handicaps pursuant to clause 23.5 (clause 12.15).
- (k) **Shall direct the appeal procedure to be made available to a player, who is dissatisfied with a determination under clauses 23, 25 and 26.**
- (l) does the **Association** restrict increases of *EGA Exact Handicaps* to 2.0 strokes above the minimum *EGA Exact Handicap* held in a calendar year (clause 22.9).
- (m) are *Qualifying Scores* over 9 holes sufficient for handicapping purposes, and in which categories (clause 17.1g and 17.2c).
- (n) what is the maximum *EGA Exact Handicap* (clause 21.1).
- (o) directions in relation to clause 23.
- (p) the **Association** may issue guidelines regarding the consequences for players who do not complete at least four *Qualifying Scores*.

National Associations are permitted to adapt and translate the *EGA Handicap System* from English into their own language. **The translation does not need to be literal and the *National Association* may use the terminology that is commonly used in its own country.**

However, the system must be called the “EGA Handicap System” and the handicaps shall be called “EGA Handicap”. The *National Association* may decide to call the translated version: “EGA Handicap System, Edition”
(e.g. French, Spanish or Dutch edition”