

Handicapping Method for P.O.E.T.S. Invitational Tournaments

Teams may elect to play from either the white, hybrid or gold tees. To play from the hybrids or golds, both members of the partnership must customarily play from those tees. Rather than competing in a separate flight, teams competing from the gold or hybrid tees will be interspersed with those competing from the white tees. Players' handicaps will be adjusted as provided by USGA guidelines for competing from different sets of tees, which are explained [here](#).

A Word About Team Handicaps at Dorchester

In the past, when players competed exclusively from the white tees, the team handicap was calculated at 50% of the weighted combined index of the two team members. The weighted combined index was derived as the sum of 60% of the lower index and 40% of the higher index.

Because players are now competing from different sets of tees, it is necessary to use adjusted handicaps for this calculation instead of indexes. In addition, all team handicaps are now reduced by 10% for the purpose of equating team handicaps with what they were in the past. It was deemed that this adjustment is appropriate because a white tee player's course handicap at Dorchester is roughly 10% greater than his index.