

How to play ADVANTAGE Golf Croquet

RULES OF PLAY

Advantage GC is a simple way for players of differing abilities to play each other using level play rules and with each having an equal chance of winning. Extra strokes are no longer used; instead the players will usually start the game with a score other than 0:0. Stronger players may start with a negative score and weaker players with a positive one.

As usual the game ends when one side reaches a score of 7. (as in a normal 13-point game).

It should be appreciated that the winner will have *physically run* more than 7 hoops (from a negative start) or will have *physically run* less than 7 hoops (from a positive start). The winner will only have *physically run* exactly 7 hoops if their starting score was zero.

Hoops are played in the same order as usual for a 13-point game with occasional extension to hoop 14 (hoop 4) and exceptionally to hoop 15 (hoop 1). *Advantage games can end at any hoop from 1 to 15.* If the score reaches 6:6 play continues with the deciding hoop being *the next hoop in order*.

USE OF TABLE OF STARTING SCORES

Players should reference the table by using their handicap.

The starting score for a game is found at the intersection of the corresponding row (stronger player) and column (weaker player) and is printed as Stronger : Weaker.

Starting scores are fixed and must NOT be changed.

KEEPING SCORE

We strongly recommend that players are encouraged to adhere to Rule 7.4 by announcing the score after each hoop has been run.

In addition it is possible to use scoring clips although more clips than usual will probably be required.

One suggested method is to represent the starting score by placing the corresponding number of clips on hoop 1 (for positive starts) and on the centre peg extension (for negative starts) prior to commencing the game. Additional clips are added to the hoops in the usual way as they are run. The score may be confirmed at any point in the game by a player (or spectator) by counting their hoop clips in the usual way and subtracting any negative clips on the centre peg.

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on behalf of WCF Advantage GC Working Group

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HANDICAP CARDS for 2021

Only results from the Official WCF/CA Trial (being run by the SCF) are authorised to be included on players' handicap cards. Index numbers will change by ± 10 points. (exactly as in existing "extra-strokes" GC Handicap play).

Results from any other Advantage GC games must **NOT** be entered on handicap cards in 2021.

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