

Index Change In Level Play

In level (i.e. not handicap) play, it must be remembered that the Index Change arising from a match depends not on the handicap difference but on the number of **steps** difference. This can be derived easily as follows.

We can associate with each handicap a notional Handicap Step Value (HSV), as shown in the HSV Table (below left). From this table find the HSV for each player's handicap and subtract the smaller from the larger to give the Handicap Steps Difference, then refer to the Level Play Table (below right) to obtain the resultant Index Change. [For checking handicap changes, the HSV Table also shows the Index value for each handicap trigger point.]

Alternatively — provided that both handicaps are under 14 — simply use the handicaps of the players to read off the Index Change directly from the cross-reference table below.

The Index Change (determined by whichever method) is then added to the winner's index, the same value being subtracted from the loser's index.

H'cap.	HSV	Index
-3	-21	3050
-2½	-16	2800
-2	-12	2600
-1½	-8	2400
-1	-5	2250
-½	-2	2100
0	0	2000
½	1	1950
1	2	1900
1½	3	1850
2	4	1800
2½	5	1750
3	6	1700
3½	7	1650
4	8	1600
4½	9	1550
5	10	1500

H'cap.	HSV	Index
5	10	1500
6	11	1450
7	12	1400
8	13	1350
9	14	1300
10	15	1250
11	16	1200
12	17	1150
14	18	1100
16	19	1050
18	20	1000
20	21	950
22	22	900
24	23	850

HSV Table

Handicap Steps Difference	Index Change	
	Higher-Handicap Player Wins	Lower-Handicap Player Wins
0	10	10
1	11	9
2	12	8
3	13	7
4	14	6
5	15	5
6	16	4
7 or 8	17	3
9 or 10	18	2
11 or more	19	1

Level Play Table

Winner's h'cap.	Loser's handicap																							
	-3	-2½	-2	-1½	-1	-½	0	½	1	1½	2	2½	3	3½	4	4½	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
-3	10	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
-2½	15	10	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
-2	18	14	10	6	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
-1½	19	17	14	10	7	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
-1	19	19	17	13	10	7	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
-½	19	19	18	16	13	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	19	19	19	17	15	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
½	19	19	19	18	16	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	19	19	19	18	17	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
1½	19	19	19	19	17	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
2	19	19	19	19	18	16	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1
2½	19	19	19	19	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1
3	19	19	19	19	19	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1
3½	19	19	19	19	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2
4	19	19	19	19	19	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2
4½	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3
5	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
6	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
7	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
8	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
9	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
10	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
11	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
12	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10