

## **USCA Guidelines for Golf Croquet Tournaments, Handicaps and Rankings**

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The USCA has determined that it will utilize the Golf Croquet World Ranking list for seeding events and recording scores. The following is the process for using these guidelines.

### **TOURNAMENTS**

USCA Golf Croquet tournaments will use the current Golf Croquet World Rankings, as it's ranking system. It is recommended that the "GRADES" from this list be used to seed tournaments however, other seeding methods may be used at the tournament director's choosing. The World Ranking list can be found on the Croquet Association's website at <http://rank.worldcroquet.org/gcrankdg/rank.php>.

More importantly, it is the tournament director's responsibility to report the results of each game played, by entering the data in <https://croquetscores.com>

### **PREPARING FOR THE TOURNAMENT**

Forms for the tournament can be found on the USCA Website in the "Members Only" section under the FORMS tab.

1. Fill out and send in to the USCA office a "Sanction Application"
2. Go to the <https://croquetscores.com> site and enter the tournament and set it up to receive scores. If you have not already done so you will need to register an admin account. Start by selecting "Admin" from the top bar and follow the directions. Sign in under the "Admin" button and select "New Tournament" in the blue box. Follow directions to enter tournament details.

For more help with <https://croquetscores.com> please contact the Golf Croquet Committee Chairman.

### **SPECIAL NOTE FOR TOURNAMENTS WITH MANY UNRANKED PLAYERS**

The WCF system will not accept results for any flight where there is less than 25% rated/ranked players (player without a WCF ranking). To avoid this, you can arrange your flight so that each flight has 25% rated/ranked players, or you can get a GC rater to assign starting ratings for the new players. Please contact the GC Committee Chairman for more information

### **REPORTING RESULTS**

1. Enter match results frequently throughout the duration of the tournament via the "Admin" button on <https://croquetscores.com>. **Important: the WCF system is very specific about using the exact proper names of players and these need to be consistently entered throughout each section of the tournament.**

2. At the conclusion of the tournament, download the results from [croquetscores.com](http://croquetscores.com) by pressing the “Rankings” button. This will automatically format it into an excel sheet listing all of the game results. Review to be sure all results been entered and then enter the final winners at the bottom as indicated. Email to [gcreresults@worldcroquet.org](mailto:gcreresults@worldcroquet.org).
3. Next, open the USCA Tournaments Results (GC) form found in the members section in the forms tab. Enter the final order of finish for all players for singles and doubles in all flights (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>...). Send via email to the USCA office [tournament@uscroquet.com](mailto:tournament@uscroquet.com).
4. Send an email to the USCA office [tournament@uscroquet.com](mailto:tournament@uscroquet.com) with a written description or article and photos if possible about the tournament.
5. You will be billed by the USCA office for sanctioning fees for each player as spelled out on the “Sanction Form”.

### **RANKINGS, RATINGS AND GRADES**

As previously noted, the USCA will use the World Golf Croquet Ranking list as its official rankings, ratings and grades. The “GRADE” value is used for ranking players. The higher the “GRADE” the better the player. The list is maintained by Stephen Mulliner and can be found at <http://rank.worldcroquet.org/gcrankdg/rank.php>. In order for results to qualify for the rankings, they must be in actual sanctioned events. The ranking system does not accept basic club play results.