

2008 Lions Golf Tournament

Handicap System Used

The Lions will be using the "Modified Peoria System" for handicapping the tournament. From the USGA website (http://www.usga.org/playing/handicaps/understanding_handicap/articles/handicapping_the_un.html), it is described as follows:

"Another alternative is to use a hole score selection system, often called the "Peoria System." Under this system, a player learns his handicap after the round is completed. The committee secretly selects a par-3 hole, a par-5 hole and four par-4 holes from an 18-hole course. The par-4s should be representative in length and difficulty with two chosen from the front nine and two from the back nine.

"A modified Peoria handicap then is calculated by adding the player's strokes over par on the six selected holes, and multiplying that number by 2.8. This will be the player's allowance to be deducted from his gross score. The maximum hole score for allowance purposes is three over par on par-3s and 4s, and four over par on par-5s.

"Example: A player scores 98 for a round. She is 11 over par on the six selected holes.

$11 \times 2.8 = 30.8 = 31$ allowance

Net score is $98 - 31 = 67$

The holes selected were: Lakes # 4, 6, 8 and Woods # 1, 3, 5.

Method for Breaking Ties

Ties will be decided in the following manner (from the USGA website):

The winner will be determined on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine holes, we will check the last six holes, then the last three holes, and finally the 18th hole.

Using this method, one-half, one-third, one-sixth, or one-18th of the Course Handicaps will be deducted. Fractions of one-half stroke or more will count as a full stroke; any lesser fractions will be disregarded.

If using this tie breaking method, the competition is still tied, coins will be flipped.

Let's demonstrate. Suppose Uncle Snoopy has 45 on the last nine. He deducts 50% of his Course Handicap, or six strokes, and has a net score of 39. Woodstock has 49 and deducts 50% of his Course Handicap, or 10 strokes, for a 39. They are still tied, so they must look at the last six holes. Snoopy shot a 31 and deducts four strokes ($11 - 3 = 3.7$, which rounds to 4) for a 27. Woodstock's 35 is reduced by seven strokes ($20 \div 3 = 6.7$, which rounds to 7) for a 28. Snoopy is the winner.