

B.B.A Handicap Committee

Here's how your handicap committee works:

The HC consists of a few of the elite players in your area. Every attempt will be made to ensure a wide representation all teams in the B.B.A. Additionally, HC members will abstain from rulings concerning a player on that member's team. The HC meets whenever a problem arises. Here are some examples of pertinent situations:

- Whenever there are specific complaints about a member.
- To periodically review players' skill levels and team rosters.
- To review the skill levels of all players entering Higher Level Tournaments.
- To rule on protests concerning handicaps and "sandbagging" allegations.

Although the HC will normally meet if there is business to conduct, it is possible for HC members to individually review specific cases and submit their opinions to the league Operator for action.

HANDICAP COMMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS

How does the HC decide when a player's skill level is too low?

The best method to date is the COMPARISON METHOD. The comparison method works as follows: A number of CONTROL PLAYERS are identified throughout the area. A control player is a player who is weak within his or her skill level. In other words, a number of players throughout the area are identified because the HC is "surprised" the player has achieved the level they carry. The "weakest" 8.0 would be the control players for the skill level 8.0 to 8.5. There should be at least two control players identified for each skill level. Once the control players have been identified by the HC (their identity can remain anonymous), the HC is ready to conduct business. The HC conducts an investigation in the following manner:

- A player that attracts the attention of the HC is then compared to the control players 0.5 level higher than his or her skill level.
- HC members are asked, "Who would be favored if player A (the player in question) and player B (the control player) were to play a serious match?"
- HC members are allowed to vote only if they have personal knowledge (not hearsay) of both players abilities. That's why there should be more than one control player for each skill level.
- It is possible for an HC member to relate that Player A is consistently better than some other player in the League (let's call him player X) and that player X plays better than the named control player.
- It takes a majority of the HC members voting to cause a player's skill level to be raised.
- The League Operator is the final authority.
- A player can appeal the HC's decision. A few players have convinced the HC that their decision was wrong and were allowed to return to their former skill level

Nomination for B.B.A Handicap Committee

I, _____
(Print full name)

Of _____
(Address)

Nominate _____

For election to the B.B.A Handicap Committee.

Signed _____

Date _____

Consent of Nominee:

I, _____
(Print full name)

Of _____

(Address)

Agree to be nominated for election to the B.B.A Handicap Committee.

I have read the B.B.A Constitution and understand the commitment in time and intellectual contribution I will be expected to make.

Nominees for the Handicap Committee must be a current participating member.

Signed

Date _____