FAQ's on the new tournament and handicapping software

What is an ICap? An ICap is your internal handicap. This is the same as your handicap index. This software is not allowed to use the term "handicap index" as that term is owned by the USGA.

What does my ICap represent? Your ICap represents your playing ability. This figure is based on your scores relative to the course and tees played during those rounds.

How many rounds is my ICap based on? Your ICap is figured using the best 8 score differentials of your last 20 rounds.

What is a score differential? Score differential measures the performance of a round in relation to the relative difficulty of the course that was played, measured by the course rating and the slope rating. In other words, an 80 on a difficult course may have a better score differential than a 76 on an easier course.

How often is my ICap calculated? With the introduction of this new software, we will be updating handicaps twice a month (on the 1st and 15th).

Why is the handicap listed on the scorecard different than my ICap? The handicap listed on the scorecard is your "Course Handicap." This figure is calculated considering the difficulty of the course you are playing, also known as the "Slope Rating." A course of standard difficulty has a slope rating of 113. A few examples are listed below on how your course handicap is determined....

Example A – This player has an ICap of 7.2 and will be playing the Four Peaks/Superstition rotation. The slope rating on this course rotation is 87 from the white tees.

Course Handicap = ICap X (Slope/113)

Course Handicap = $7.2 \times (87/113)$

Course Handicap = 6

Example B – This player has an ICap of 23.9 and will be playing the Superstition/San Tan rotation. The slope rating on this course rotation is 89 from the white tees.

Course Handicap = ICap X (Slope/113)

Course Handicap = $23.9 \times (89/113)$

Course Handicap = 19