

Handicap Scoring

The handicap calculation starts with your personal XG Grade.

XG Grades are calculated for all participants in the weekly XClub competitions:

- Approximately 45 NZ clubs, and 4000 players participate in the XClub competition.
- All participating clubs play the same hands in each session.
- The across-the-board result is calculated for each session and it is this score that is used in the XG calculations.
- XG Grades are calculated for individual players only (ie XG Grades are not calculated for pairs)
- The new XG Grades are calculated at the end of each week and published on the Compass website.

Thus your XG grade is calculated based on your playing history taking into account both your partners' XG Grades and the average XG Grades of your opponents. Your XG grade is your expected score if you and your partner have the same XG grade and the field you are competing against have an average XG grade of 50%.

For a handicap scored session, the calculation is:

Handicap Score = Raw score + Average of the opponents XGs - Average of you and your partners XG

e.g. 47% (Raw score) + 51% (opponents) - 45%(you+partner average) --> 53% after handicap adjustment

If you are playing a Mitchell movement, then your 'opponents' are all the other pairs playing in the same direction; Not the pairs playing in the opposite direction who you will actually meet.

- If you and your partner are playing NS and you are a weaker pair than most other NS pairs then you will have a positive adjustment to your raw score.
- If you and your partner are playing NS and you are a stronger pair than most other NS pairs then you will have a negative adjustment to your raw score.
- To be a winner in a handicap competition, the challenge is to out perform you and your partners past performances. The handicapping system will expect a 'good' pair to 'win' the competition, but their raw score would have to be even better than expected to have any chance of winning on handicap.

[Click here for a detailed explanation of how handicaps work](#)

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You can find your XG grade on the Compass Website (where you check your table money balance):

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Posted by Mike:08-Mar-22

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Rank	ID	Name	Home Club	Region	XG	Avg Score	Sessions	Boards	NZB Rank	NZB Rating	NZB Grade
1	42812	Kevin Whyte	Cambridge	Waikato Bays	69.45	60.04	67	1669	07. National Master	257	Open
2	28503	Jenna Gibbons	Waikato	Waikato Bays	68.72	58.78	9	232	11. Gold Grand Master	1230	Open
3	41438	Russell Dive	Wellington	Wellington	68.36	61.74	7	201	09. Grand Master	534	Open
4	24336	Blair Fisher	Hamilton	Waikato Bays	68.18	60.88	8	203	11. Gold Grand Master	2069	Open
5	60920	Sam Simpson	Tauranga	Waikato Bays	67.85	61.00	19	478	10. Silver Grand Master	992	Open
6	43891	Lysandra Zheng	Howick	Auckland Northland	66.79	64.29	45	1131	08. Life Master	223	Open
7	49350	Jane Lennon	Christchurch	Canterbury	66.59	59.36	77	2000	10. Silver Grand Master	1188	Open