

Easiest situation is if both players / pairs have the same handicap – then forget the calculator and just play a ‘normal’ game !!

Next easiest situation is where there are just whole numbers involved — so if player A is on -15 against player B on -60 this means that in every game player B starts on -50 etc.

To work this out - forget your normal ‘sums’ but remember the scoring system in tennis and subtract !

[So -60 means player B has to win 5 points to get to ‘0’ where player A has to win 1 – so there is a difference of 4 points]

The trickiest case is where there are decimals (usually .3) then you are into the fun of half points !! All this means is that there will be one handicap for the 1st, 3rd, 5th games and a different one for the 2nd, 4th and 6th games !!

[Remember the handicap restarts every 6 games !]

So if Player A this time has – 40.3 and player B is on -30 then when you ‘subtract’ you get a point and a half, so Player A will be -30 in 1st, 3rd, 5th and only -15 in the 2nd, 4th and 6th.

If you are lucky enough to be playing off scratch (scr) then the other persons handicap applies throughout – e.g. scratch versus – 40 means -40 in every game, scratch versus -40.3 means -50 in 1st, 3rd & 5th and -40 in 2nd, 4th & 6th.

If you are in the even luckier position to have a +handicap – e.g. +15 means that you have one point already won and your opponent’s handicap applies too !

Remember that if there is a handicap in operation it can change which sides of the court you start from :

If the handicap is an even number of points (e.g. -30 in a game) then you start as normal. If you have an uneven number (-15 etc) you start from the left hand court !!

You are saved the headache of tie-breaks – just keep playing !

- To use this table : (i) Read down the left to find the bigger handicap,
(ii) Read across the top to find the smaller handicap
(iii) Then pick out the handicap for the game.

		SMALLER HANDICAP											
B I G G E R H A N D I C A P		-80	-70	-60	-50	-40.3	-40	-30.3	-30	-15.3	-15	-.3	Scr
	-80	scr	-15	-30	-40	-40.3	-50	-50.3	-60	-60.3	-70	-70.3	-80
	-70		scr	-15	-30	-30.3	-40	-40.3	-50	-50.3	-60	-60.3	-70
	-60			scr	-15	-15.3	-30	-30.3	-40	-40.3	-50	-50.3	-60
	-50				scr	-.3	-15	-15.3	-30	-30.3	-40	-40.3	-50
	-40.3					scr	-.3	-15	-15.3	-30	-30.3	-40	-40.3
	-40						scr	-.3	-15	-15.3	-30	-30.3	-40
	-30.3							scr	-.3	-15	-15.3	-30	-30.3
	-30								scr	-.3	-15	-15.3	-30
	-15.3									scr	-.3	-15	-15.3
	-15										scr	-.3	-15
	-.3											scr	-.3

Game Handicap	Means
-3	-15 in every second game
-15	-15 in every game
-15.3	-30 in every 2 nd game, -15 in remainder
-30	-30 in every game
-30.3	-40 in every 2 nd game, -30 in remainder
-40	-40 in every game
-40.3	-50 in every 2 nd game, -40 in remainder
-50	-50 in every game
-60	-60 in every game
-70	-70 in every game
-80	-80 in every game