

Handicap System:

It is quite easy but difficult to explain!!

Handicap works over a 6 game cycle.

Every 0.1 in a handicap represents a point every 6 games:

0.1 = 1 point every 6 games (2nd game)
0.2 = 2 points every 6 games (2nd and 4th)
0.3 = 3 points every 6 games (2nd, 4th and 6th)
0.4 = 4 points every 6 games (1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th)
0.5 = 5 points every 6 games (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th)
15 = 6 points every 6 games (ie a point every game).

15.1 = A point every game and an additional point in 1 game in 6
15.2 = A point every game and an additional point in 2 games in 6
15.3 = A point every game and an additional point in 3 games in 6
15.4 = A point every game and an additional point in 4 games in 6
15.5 = A point every game and an additional point in 5 games in 6
30 = A point every game and an additional point every game.

It is the difference between the two opponents handicap that is important. The examples at the bottom should help. After every 6 games, the handicap cycle repeats until the end of the set. The cycle starts again in each new set. In handicap, the match consists of 2 short sets (ie first to 6, even at 5-5) and a long set (two clear games).

Hope this makes sense!

Examples:

Player A = 15.0
Player B = 30.0
Difference = 15
Player B gets a 15 love start every game.

Player A = 15.2
Player B = 15.4
Difference = 0.2
Player B gets a 15 love start in 2 games every 6. ie the 2nd, 4th. Then 8th, 10th. Then 14th, 16th etc (if final set).

Player A = 15.4
Player B = 30.2
Difference = 0.4
Player B gets a 15 love start in 4 games every 6. ie the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th. Then 7th, 8th, 10th and 12th.

Player A = 15.0

Player B = 30.2

Difference = 15.2

Player B gets a 15 love start in 4 games every 6 and 30 love start in other 2 games. ie 15-0 in 1st, 3rd, 5th and 6th and 30-0 in 2nd and 4th.

Player A = 0.1

Player B = 30.2

Difference = 30.1

Player B gets a 30 love start every game. The additional point 1 would suggest 40 love start in 1 game but that is not allowed so instead it is taken off player A (and doubled to make up for not having 40)!!! ie player A gets 30 love start every game and player B gets minus 15 in 2 games every 6.