



Scramble & Skins Games Handicap Allowances

*Are there any USGA or OGA recommendations for equitable Scramble Formats?
What about Skins Games?*

Since a Scramble is not played under the principles of The Rules of Golf, the USGA does not publish handicap allowances in the Handicap Manual specifically for these formats. However, the following recommendation seems to work well for most groups, regardless of minimum number of drives required or other special conditions:

4-person Scramble

A player – 20%
B player – 15%
C player – 10%
D player – 5%

2-person Scramble

A player – 35%
B player – 15%

*Percentages are based on allowance less than 100%
of Course Handicaps of players from tees played*

The USGA does not have a formal recommendation for a Skins event. A Skins event closest resembles an individual stroke play competition so the Committee may decide to use a full Course Handicap and let the player take strokes as they fall. With the dynamics of all handicaps that could possibly compete in such a game, it is impossible to recommend a blanket allowance. Try experimenting with the allowance that works best among your group.

Please refer to the USGA Handicap System Manual Section 9-4 for equitable recommendations, with examples, for various Match Play and Stroke Play formats.