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Changes to the course



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- * Course Measurement
- * Course Rating & Slope Rating
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Background

- * **Why**
 - * To fall in line with the CONGU/WHIS/England Golf recommendations for Stroke Indexes and Handicapping
- * **Data Used**
 - * Over 1,000 recorded rounds
 - * Appendix E of CONGU/England Golf *Rules of Handicapping*

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Appendix E of CONGU/England Golf Rules of Handicapping

- * The recommended methodology and procedures
 - * It is recommended that a *stroke index* allocation be applied over 18-holes, split into six triads with each hole ranked on its playing difficulty relative to par.
 - * Apply odd *stroke index* allocations over the front nine and even *stroke index* allocations over the back nine.
 - * Spread *stroke index* allocations evenly over the 18 holes so that players receiving strokes will have the opportunity to use a high proportion of these strokes before a match result has been decided.
 - * Apply the lowest *stroke index* hole (1 or 2) on each nine in the middle triad. If no hole within the middle triad is ranked within the lowest 6 holes relative to par, then it can be moved into an adjacent hole at the end of the first triad or the beginning of the third triad on each nine.
 - * Apply the second lowest *stroke index* hole (3 or 4) on each nine in either the first or third triad, unless the lowest *stroke index* hole has been allocated in that same triad.
 - * If possible, avoid low *stroke indexes* (6 or less) on consecutive holes.

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What is changing

- * All tees now rated for competition/handicapping use
 - * Whites – Men,
 - * **Blue**, **Yellow** & **Red** for Men & Ladies*
- * Some new tees
- * Some holes changing order
- * Stroke Indexes
- * Course signage
- * 3 new scorecards; 18, Front 9, Back 9

* Ladies Blue & Yellow provisional until re-rating in August

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New Tees

- * Hole #2/11 will have two tees for White, Yellow and Red
 - * Front 9 (#2) at 521 yards, 502 yards, 434 yards
 - * Back 9 (#11) at 514 yards, 496 yards, 445 yards
(currently both set at 504 yards, 487 yards, 444 yards)
- * Hole # 4/13 will have two tees for White and Yellow
 - * Front 9 (#4) at 328 yards, 321 yards,
 - * Back 9 (#13) at 345 yards, 336 yards
(currently both set at 348 yards, 338 yards)

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Holes Changing Order

- * Hole #6 is changing tees with Hole #15 for White, Yellow & Blue (~~Red~~ #6 was always longer than #15)
- * Hole #7 is changing tees with Hole #16 for White, Yellow, Blue & Red
- * Hole #9 is changing tees with Hole #18 for White, Yellow, Blue & Red

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New Stroke Indexes

Hole	Marker's/ D Score	White Yards	Yellow Yards	Blue Yards	Par	S.I.
1		383	360	366	4	9
2		521	502	493	5	11
3		388	379	368	4	5
4		328	321	330	4	7
5		285	282	270	4	13
6		347	342	337	4	1
7		138	132	135	3	17
8		383	373	375	4	3
9		144	136	136	3	15
		2917	2827	2810	35	OUT

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10		383	360	366	4	10
11		514	496	493	5	12
12		388	379	368	4	6
13		345	336	330	4	4
14		285	282	270	4	14
15		280	271	283	4	18
16		178	168	165	3	8
17		367	345	375	4	2
18		123	118	124	3	16
		2863	2755	2774	35	IN
		2917	2827	2810	35	OUT
		5780	5582	5584	70	TOTAL

Was 10

Was 4

Was 8

Was 12

Was 14

Was 1 (on back 9)

Was 17 (on back 9)

Was 2

Was 13 (on back 9)

Was 9

Was 3

Was 7

Was 11

Was 15

Was 16 (on front 9)

Was 6 (on front 9)

Was 5

Was 18 (on front 9)

Red Yards	Par	S.I.
344	4	9
434	5	7
373	4	5
316	4	1
278	4	13
259	4	17
128	3	11
331	4	3
128	3	15
2591	35	

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344	4	10
445	5	8
373	4	6
316	4	2
278	4	14
233	4	18
145	3	16
331	4	4
114	3	12
2579	35	
2591	35	
5170	70	

Was 9

Was 15

Was 5

Was 1

Was 13

Was 18

Was 12 (on back 9)

Was 3

Was 8 (on back 9)

Was 9

Was 3

Was 7

Was 11

Was 15

Was 16

Was 6 (on front 9)

Was 5

Was 18 (on front 9)

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Course Measurement



- * Carried out on **17/05/2021**
- * Each Tee on each hole has a fixed **Distance Point**
- * To the **centre** of the green
- * Along the designed **line of play**
- * Measured with microlaser rangefinder to **0.5m/km accuracy**
- * Issued a certificate

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Course Rating

- * An evaluation of the playing difficulty of the course for the **scratch player** and the **bogey player** under normal playing conditions.
- * The effective playing length is determined from the measurement of each hole, adjusted for the impact of:
 - * roll,
 - * wind,
 - * elevation changes,
 - * altitude,
 - * forced lay ups.
- * In addition, there are 10 obstacle factors evaluated on each hole for both the scratch player and the bogey player:
 - * topography;
 - * fairway;
 - * green target;
 - * recoverability and rough;
 - * bunkers;
 - * crossing obstacles;
 - * lateral obstacles;
 - * trees;
 - * green surface
 - * psychology.
- * The Course Rating System uses table values, adjustments and formulas to calculate ratings

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Slope Rating

What is Slope Rating?

Slope Rating is the number which indicates the relative playing difficulty of a course for Bogey Golfers, compared to Scratch Golfers. It is the difficulty comparison between a Bogey Golfer and a Scratch Golfer from the same set of tees.

$$\text{Bogey Rating} - \text{Course Rating} \times \text{Factor} = \text{Slope Rating}$$

(In simple terms it is the combination of the Course Rating and the Bogey Rating, which allows us to calculate the Slope Rating of a set of tees)

The use of Slope allows a player's Handicap Index to be portable from course to course and country to country. It also enables acceptable scores from any rated golf course in the world to be submitted for a player's handicap purposes.

The Slope Rating is a key component in calculating the number of strokes each player receives to play a particular golf course. Each set of tees will have a Slope Rating value between 55 and 155.

The higher the Slope Rating, the more additional strokes a Bogey Golfer will need to be able to play it. The lower the Slope Rating, the less strokes a Bogey Golfer will require.

NOTE

The Slope Ratings are gender specific and the tee which a golfer plays from must have a Slope Rating for each gender.

IMPORTANT

113 is the Slope Rating value where all players play from their Handicap Index (i.e. the course is as equally hard for both Scratch and Bogey players).

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Date of Changeover

Monday 14 March 2022



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Explanation of Handicapping

- * 3 things to remember
 - * Handicap Index
 - * Course Handicap
 - * Playing Handicap



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Handicap Index

What is a Handicap Index?

The Handicap Index is considered to be the most important element of the WHS.

The Handicap Index will:

- Measure the ability of a player
- Be portable from course to course
- Allow players to compete fairly and therefore promote inclusivity within the game


A Handicap Index is calculated from the best eight scores from the last 20 rounds.

As a new score is submitted, a player's Handicap Index will automatically update to the most recent 20 scores. A player's Handicap Index will update promptly overnight after the submission of an acceptable score and be ready before the next time they play.

How to obtain a Handicap Index?

When the new system comes into play most golfers can have a Handicap Index generated, based on their existing records.

For new golfers to gain their Handicap Index they will have to submit a minimum of 54 holes (using any combination of 9 and 18 holes). Their Handicap Index will be the lowest of their three rounds minus two strokes and continue to be built until the preferred 20 scores are achieved.



IMPORTANT

The maximum Handicap Index for any player is 54.

To obtain a recognised Handicap Index a player must be an affiliated member of a golf club.

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Course Handicap

What is Course Handicap?

Before any player starts their round they must convert their Handicap Index into a Course Handicap.

The Course Handicap will determine the number of strokes a player will receive for any set of tees on a course.

An easy way for a player to remember the WHS, is to think HCP!

H - Handicap Index

C - Course Handicap

P - Play

It's as easy as HCP!

- 1 Handicap Index
- 2 Course Handicap
- 3 Go out and Play

How to work out a Course Handicap?

England Golf has provide Course & Slope Rating tables to all golf clubs (as per the example provided on the next page). Tables should be positioned in conspicuous locations around the club to make it simple for all golfers to find prior to beginning their round.

Golfers simply have to choose the tees they are playing off that day and cross reference their Handicap Index on the Course & Slope Rating table to ascertain their Course Handicap. It really is as simple as that - they're then ready to get out on the course and play!



In time, Course Handicap Tables will be available via an App and club handicap software so golfers can view their Course Handicap remotely prior to a round. Should any golfer wish to calculate their Course Handicap manually the formula is as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{NEW RULE} \\ \text{Handicap Index} \\ \hline \times \\ \text{(Slope Rating / 113)} \\ \hline = \\ \text{Course Handicap (rounded)} \end{array}$$

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Playing Handicap

What is Playing Handicap?

Playing Handicap is a mandatory stroke allowance that is implemented in order to maintain the integrity of the WHS when used in competition. It allows golfers to compete on a level playing field, regardless of their Handicap Index.

The Course Handicap converts to a Playing Handicap for competition purposes and changes depending on the format of play.

The most important aspects of Playing Handicap to remember are:

- It is only used for competition purposes
- It ensures equity to calculate competition results (via Handicap Allowances)
- Golfers do not need to calculate it (it is generated before their round)
- Golfers should continue to play in the mindset of their Course Handicap in competition rounds
- It is a mandatory stroke allowance that must be implemented in competition play

On the following page a table example is available which shows mandatory handicap allowances for all competition formats.

The WHS has been designed with the enjoyment of recreational golf at the forefront. The WHS will allow golfers to play with freedom, therefore changing the nature in which they play the game. The focus for golfers should not be on their Playing Handicap.



The Playing Handicap is calculated as follows:

NEW RULE

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Course Handicap} \\ \times \\ \text{Handicap Allowance} \\ = \\ \text{Playing Handicap} \end{array}$$

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PLAYING HANDICAP: MANDATORY ALLOWANCES TABLE

FORMAT OF PLAY	TYPE OF ROUND	MANDATORY HANDICAP ALLOWANCE
STROKEPLAY	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Fourball	85%
	Fourball Stableford	85%
	Fourball Par/Bogey	90%
MATCHPLAY	Individual	100%
	Fourball	90%
STROKEPLAY	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Pinehurst/Chapman	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Best 1 of 4 Stroke Play	75%
	Best 2 of 4 Stroke Play	85%
	Best 3 of 4 Stroke Play	100%
	All 4 of 4 Stroke Play	100%
	Scramble (4 players)	"25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap"
	Scramble (2 players)	35% low/15% high
	Total score of 2 match play	100%
	Best 1 of 4 Par/Bogey	75%
	Best 2 of 4 Par/Bogey	80%
	Best 3 of 4 Par/Bogey	90%
	4 of 4 Par/Bogey	100%

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM



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Summary

- * Why we are changing
- * What is changing
- * Explained
 - * Measurement
 - * Course Rating & Slope Rating
- * Date of Change
- * Revisited Handicapping



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A photograph of a golf course green with a yellow highlight behind the word "Questions". The green is in the foreground, and a path leads towards a line of trees in the background. The word "Questions" is written in a large, bold, black font with a yellow glow effect. The background is a slightly blurred view of a golf course with a path leading towards a line of trees under a bright sky.

Questions