

MEMBER INFORMATION – WORLD HANDICAPPING SYSTEM

Purpose of the World Handicap System

To provide maximum enjoyment for all who play the game by enabling players of any ability, from anywhere in the world, to play and compete with others on a fair basis.

What is your Handicap Index?

Calculated under the WHS, a Handicap Index is a portable measure of your demonstrated playing ability, which is consistent with how all other golfers are measured around the world. It tracks your progress and can be used in a casual or competitive round with any other player. All players are encouraged to establish and maintain a Handicap Index.

This is the figure that members will see on the Handicap List posted in the Clubhouse.

What is your Course Handicap?

A course handicap provides you with the number of strokes you need to play to your handicap based on the difficulty of the course and the set of tees from which you will be playing.

It is calculated by taking your **Handicap Index * (Slope Rating/113)**. **Note- If playing only 9 holes the formula is different**

Example 1

Your Handicap index is 10.8

KLGC (White Tees) Slope Rating is 133

Your course handicap is $10.8 * (133/113) = 12.7$ (rounded to 13)

But don't worry as signage in the Clubhouse and at the 1st tee showing the Course Handicap for all Handicap Indexes and Tees.

What is your Playing Handicap?

Depending on the format of play, a handicap allowance may be applied to your course handicap. (For individual Stroke Play the allowance is 95%).

Therefore your Playing Handicap would be (using the above example) $13 * 0.95 = 12.4$ rounded to 12.

For allowances to be used for different formats see appendix 1.

When can you play for your handicap?

You can play for your handicap during any **Authorised Format of Play**.

These are:-

Format of Play	Type of Round	No. of Holes	
Individual Stroke Play	Organised Strokeplay Competition	9	18
	<i>General Play (i.e a Casual Round)</i>	9	18
	Stableford Organised Competition	9	18
	<i>Stableford General Play</i>	9	18
	Par/Bogey Organised Competition	9	18
	<i>Par/Bogey General Play</i>	9	18
	Maximum Score Organised Competition	9	18
	<i>Maximum Score General Play</i>	9	18

Before all of the above, you must pre-register your intention to play for your handicap if you are so doing. This will, for most members, simply involve them signing into the competition as normal. Then return your card to M&H for processing.

If using an App to sign into a Competition, you can only use the "How Did I Do" App. This enables you to enter the competition, select if you wish to enter the sweep and then input your score after you have played. Please make sure you have enough in your shop account to pay for any charges. At this moment in time, you cannot enter a Competition using the Scottish Golf App.

To pre-register for a General Play round you can use either the "How Did I Do" App or the "Scottish Golf" App. Again this allows you to enter your score after the round and to allow the score to be used as a qualifying score.

If you wish to play for your handicap in General Play, and you do not have the "Scottish Golf" or "How Did I Do" Apps you must sign in at the Club Shop and return your card in plenty of time for it to be processed that same day.

Any scores not returned on the same day, whether by card or app, will affect your **Handicap Index** for the following day.

What do you need to do on competition day?

First you need to sign into the competition.

If not using HDID App, sign in as normal in the shop, take your card, play your round and deposit card in the card box until such times as we can get back into the Clubhouse and use the screen to enter score.

If you are using HDID App ensure you have enough money in your account to cover any charges (i.e. entry, sweep & twos). Enter your score in the HDID App as you go round. (You will be asked to enter who your marker is). And upload your score at the end of the round. Please ensure your score is uploaded as soon as possible after you have completed your round. Any scores through this method, not returned before 23.59 on the day of the competition will be deemed to be a no return for competition purposes.

What do you need to do for a General Play round?

If no App sign in at shop and return card to shop for input that day, or key into lounge computer when the Clubhouse is re-opened.

If using either Scottish Golf or HDID App, sign in using the app, key in markers name, key in scores as you go round, confirm and upload score once round complete.

Any Questions?

If you have any questions regarding your handicap index is calculated or how the system operates, you can get excellent information at on both the Scottish Golf website and also through the How Did I Do website.

Match & Handicap will also be open to any questions and will respond as best we can, if not we will point you in the right direction.

And Finally.

Please do not be confused, the system will do everything for you, all that is really required of you is to sign in and populate your card with the gross score at each hole.

Appendix 1.

Formats of Play	Mandatory Handicap Allowance	Formats of Play	Mandatory Handicap Allowance
Individual stroke play	95%	Best 1 of 4 stroke play	75%
Individual stableford	95%	Best 2 of 4 stroke play	85%
Individual par / bogey	95%	Best 3 of 4 stroke play	100%
Individual Maximum Score	95%	All 4 of 4 stroke play	100%
Four-ball stroke play	85%	Scramble (4 players)	25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap
Four-ball stableford	85%	Scramble (2 players)	35% Low / 15% High
Four-ball par / bogey	90%	Total score of 2 match play	100%
Individual match play	100%	Best 1 of 4 par / bogey	75%
Four-ball match play	90%	Best 2 of 4 par / bogey	80%
Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap	Best 3 of 4 par / bogey	90%
Greensomes	60% Low handicap + 40% high handicap	4 of 4 par / bogey	100%
Pinehurst/Chapman	60% Low handicap + 40% high handicap		