

COURSE AND PLAYING HANDICAP

This week we move onto more of the nitty gritty which will affect what we will need to do before we go out to play our round of golf. In previous weeks we have covered more general information but these changes detail the processes we need to go through before we play and the slides in this section are really helpful. It is anticipated more information will follow on this before WHS goes live so don't worry if this all looks rather complicated at the moment.

Course Handicap

- **Course Handicap** is the number of handicap strokes a player receives before **Handicap Allowances**, on a specific course and from a specific set of tees, as determined by the **Slope Rating**
- There will be tables on display where you can look up your Course Handicap. These are currently displayed on the noticeboard in reception at Chartridge, so you will not need to do the calculations yourself!
- It is Course Handicap that is used to determine **Net Par** and **Net Double Bogey** adjustments in calculating **Adjusted Gross Scores** and in assessing scores for **Unplayed Holes**.

A player's Course Handicap is determined by multiplying their **Handicap Index** by the the **Slope Rating** and dividing by the neutral Slope Rating of **113**.

For example, from the Red tees at Chartridge: the Course Handicap of a player with a 24.4 Handicap Index is calculated as:

$$\text{Course Handicap} = 24.4 \times (115 / 113) = 24.8$$

Handicap Allowance

- **Handicap Allowance** is the percentage of Course Handicap specified for a particular format of play and/or specified in the **Terms of the Competition**. There is a slide shown later which details the various handicap allowances for format of play from stableford to greensomes.

Playing Handicap

- **Playing Handicap** is the Course Handicap adjusted for any **Handicap Allowance**. It represents the actual number of strokes the player gives or receives for the round being played. The calculation uses the exact Course Handicap (nearest 0.1). This will change to use the rounded Course Handicap (nearest 1).

$$\text{Course Handicap} \times \text{Handicap Allowance} = \text{Playing Handicap}$$

For example if your course handicap is 24.4 and you are playing a stableford, the calculation would be:

$$\text{Course Handicap of } 24.4 \times 95\% \text{ (Handicap Allowance for Stableford)} = 23.2 \text{ rounded to } 23$$

- It is Playing Handicap that is used to determine **Competition Results**.

The Process

- Before starting a round of golf the player must register their intention to enter a **Competition** or submit a **Social Score** and establish their **Course Handicap** and **Playing Handicap** for the particular set of tees being used.
- Scores must be submitted as soon as possible after the round and before midnight on the day of playing, which is when their **Handicap index** will be re-calculated

9 Hole Handicaps

When submitting a 9 hole score:

- 9 hole **Course Handicap** = [**Handicap Index** / 2] x [9 hole **Slope Rating** / 113] + [9 hole **Course Rating** - 9 hole **Par**] (*to be confirmed*)
- 9 hole **Playing Handicap** = [9 hole **Course Handicap**] x [Handicap Allowance]

As in previous week's, here is a link to a short video which covers course and playing handicaps.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tl6qO6mOSss&feature=youtu.be>

Course Handicap Calculation

$$\text{Handicap Index} \times (\text{Slope Rating} \div 113) = \text{Course Handicap}$$

A Player with a Handicap Index of 24.3 decides to play the yellow tees with a Slope rating of 127

Handicap Index	X	(127 ÷ 113)	=	Course Handicap
24.3		1.124		27.3 (27)

A Player with a Handicap Index of 24.3 decides to play the white tees with a Slope rating of 134

Handicap Index	X	(134 ÷ 113)	=	Course Handicap
24.3		1.186		28.8 (29)

Handicap Allowances

Formats of Play	Handicap Allowance	Formats of Play	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	95%	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%

Playing Handicap Calculation

The calculation of a Playing Handicap is an adjustment to the Course Handicap by any handicap allowances in operation for the format of play:

$$\text{Course Handicap} \times \text{Handicap Allowance} = \text{Playing Handicap}$$

Example:

This event is a Singles Stroke Play Competition.

Course Handicap	X	Allowance	=	Playing Handicap
16.4		95%		15.5 (16)

How to Submit a Score

- A Score must be submitted as soon as possible on the day of play, after completion of the round and before midnight (local time).
- This should be at the venue being played, ideally directly into the computer system.
- It must be submitted as a hole by hole score, marking holes not played.
- The Handicap Index will be updated automatically overnight.



The Process:

Know your Index

- Look it up:
- Online
- At the club

Work out Course Hcp

- Use the rating table or course handicap calculator

Adjust for format/Competition

- Check the allowance.

Play Golf

- Enjoy your round

Return your Score

- If score is acceptable submit it as soon as possible