

# Key features of the World Handicap System:



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## Course Rating & Bogey Rating

### What is Course Rating?

Course Rating represents the difficulty of a golf course for a scratch golfer (0 handicap). It measures how many strokes a Scratch Golfer (a player who can play to a Course Handicap of zero on all rated golf courses) should take on any given course.

The rating does this by assessing two main types of challenges which, when combined, result in a common base from which to compare players' abilities:

- *The playing length of the course*
- *The obstacles that a player will encounter (e.g. size of green and hazards)*

A Bogey Rating is the measure of playing difficulty from a set of tees when played by a Bogey Golfer (a player who has a Course Handicap of approximately 20 for a male and 24 for a female).

**Bromsgrove Golf Club Course Ratings are: -**

Teeing area	Course Rating
White tees (Gents)	69.0
Yellow tees (Gents)	67.9
Red tees (Ladies)	69.7

## Slope Rating

### What is Slope Rating?

Slope Rating is the number which indicates the relative **playing difficulty** of a course for Bogey Golfers (approx. 22 handicap), compared to Scratch Golfers (0 handicap).

***Each set of tees will have a Slope Rating value between 55 and 155.***

The neutral value that is used in handicap calculations is fixed at 113. The GB&I average Slope Rating is around 125.

**Bromsgrove Golf Club Slope Ratings are: -**

White Tees (Gents)	120
Yellow Tees (Gents)	114
Red Tees (Ladies)	118

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.

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.

# How does the World Handicap System work?

For the World Handicap System to work, golfers will need to obtain a Handicap Index.

## Purpose of the World Handicap System

The purpose of the WHS is 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 a Handicap Index?

A Handicap Index calculated under the WHS provides you with a portable measure of your demonstrated playing ability that is consistent with how all other golfers will be measured around the world.

It can be used to track your progress and to play in a casual or a competitive round with any other player.

All players are encouraged to establish and maintain a Handicap Index.



## Handicap Index will:

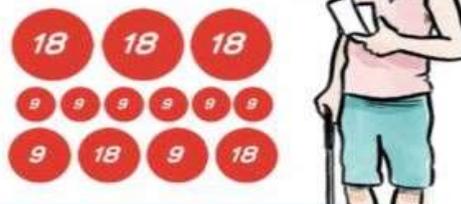
- Measure the ability of a player
- Be portable from course to course
- Allow players to compete fairly, therefore promote inclusivity within the game

**New players:** submit scores from a total of 54 holes.

Scores from all individual formats of stroke play (competition and recreational) are acceptable for handicap purposes, provided you:

- ✓ Ensure another person is present during the round;
- ✓ Play to the Rules of Golf; and
- ✓ Your score is attested.

Once you have submitted scores from a total of 54 holes, made up of 9 or 18-hole scores, you will be allocated an initial Handicap Index.



**Existing players:** players with an CONGU handicap. A handicap index will be calculated from the best eight scores from a player's 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 over night after the submission of an acceptable score and be ready before the next time you play.

# What is Course Handicap?

A Course Handicap will determine the number of strokes a player will receive when playing from any set of tees on a given course. Before any player starts their round, they must convert their Handicap Index into a Course Handicap.

## Calculate your Course Handicap

Once you have decided which tees you are going to play, you must convert your Handicap Index into a Course Handicap. Your Course Handicap provides you with the number of strokes you need to help you play to your handicap based on the difficulty of the course and the set of tees you will be playing.

The conversion process is easy—and can be done by using a look-up table located near the first tee, your Club software or a mobile app.



For those of you who like numbers, you can do it yourself using the following formula for an 18-hole round:

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

NOTE: The calculation for a 9-hole round is different.

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WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM R&A USGA COURSE RATING™ & SLOPE RATING™ TABLE ENGLAND GOLF

MEN		MEN		LADIES	
WHITE YARDS Course Rating: 73.4 Slope Rating: 104		YELLOW YARDS Course Rating: 73.4 Slope Rating: 104		GREEN YARDS Course Rating: 73.4 Slope Rating: 104	
Handicap Index*	Course Handicap™	Handicap Index*	Course Handicap™	Handicap Index*	Course Handicap™
4.0	4.8	4.0	4.8	4.0	4.8
4.1	4.9	4.1	4.9	4.1	4.9
4.2	5.0	4.2	5.0	4.2	5.0
4.3	5.1	4.3	5.1	4.3	5.1
4.4	5.2	4.4	5.2	4.4	5.2
4.5	5.3	4.5	5.3	4.5	5.3
4.6	5.4	4.6	5.4	4.6	5.4
4.7	5.5	4.7	5.5	4.7	5.5
4.8	5.6	4.8	5.6	4.8	5.6
4.9	5.7	4.9	5.7	4.9	5.7
5.0	5.8	5.0	5.8	5.0	5.8
5.1	5.9	5.1	5.9	5.1	5.9
5.2	6.0	5.2	6.0	5.2	6.0
5.3	6.1	5.3	6.1	5.3	6.1
5.4	6.2	5.4	6.2	5.4	6.2
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6.1	6.9	6.1	6.9	6.1	6.9
6.2	7.0	6.2	7.0	6.2	7.0
6.3	7.1	6.3	7.1	6.3	7.1
6.4	7.2	6.4	7.2	6.4	7.2
6.5	7.3	6.5	7.3	6.5	7.3
6.6	7.4	6.6	7.4	6.6	7.4
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18.9	19.7	18.9	19.7	18.9	19.7
19.0	19.8	19.0	19.8	19.0	19.8
19.1	19.9	19.1	19.9	19.1	19.9
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19.4	20.2	19.4	20.2	19.4	20.2
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19.6	20.4	19.6	20.4	19.6	20.4
19.7	20.5	19.7	20.5	19.7	20.5
19.8	20.6	19.8	20.6	19.8	20.6
19.9	20.7	19.9	20.7	19.9	20.7
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20.3	21.1	20.3	21.1	20.3	21.1
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20.6	21.4	20.6	21.4	20.6	21.4
20.7	21.5	20.7	21.5	20.7	21.5
20.8	21.6	20.8	21.6	20.8	21.6
20.9	21.7	20.9	21.7	20.9	21.7
21.0	21.8	21.0	21.8	21.0	21.8
21.1	21.9	21.1	21.9	21.1	21.9
21.2	22.0	21.2	22.0	21.2	22.0
21.3	22.1	21.3	22.1	21.3	22.1
21.4	22.2	21.4	22.2	21.4	22.2
21.5	22.3	21.5	22.3	21.5	22.3
21.6	22.4	21.6	22.4	21.6	22.4
21.7	22.5	21.7	22.5	21.7	22.5
21.8	22.6	21.8	22.6	21.8	22.6
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22.0	22.8	22.0	22.8	22.0	22.8
22.1	22.9	22.1	22.9	22.1	22.9
22.2	23.0	22.2	23.0	22.2	23.0
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22.4	23.2	22.4	23.2	22.4	23.2
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23.1	23.9	23.1	23.9	23.1	23.9
23.2	24.0	23.2	24.0	23.2	24.0
23.3	24.1	23.3	24.1	23.3	24.1
23.4	24.2	23.4	24.2	23.4	24.2
23.5	24.3	23.5	24.3	23.5	24.3
23.6	24.4	23.6	24.4	23.6	24.4
23.7	24.5	23.7			

## Introducing 'Easy as H.C.P'!

Before any player starts their round, they must convert their Handicap Index into a Course Handicap. This will determine how many shots they will receive when playing a golf course from any set of tees.

An easy way for a player to remember this is to think 'HCP'. This stands for:

- H - Handicap Index
- C - Course Handicap
- P – Play Golf

## What is Playing Handicap?

Playing Handicap is a stroke allowance that is implemented 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 only and changes depending on the format of play.

The four 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 do anything to calculate it (it is generated before their round)
- Golfers should continue to play in the mindset of their Course Handicap in competition rounds

## How is Playing Handicap calculated?

### Handicap Allowances

Depending on the format of play, a handicap allowance may be applied to your Course Handicap.

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

**Example:** The recommended handicap allowance for individual Stroke Play events is 95%, which means a player could have a Course Handicap of 15 and a Playing Handicap of 14.

If players are competing from different tees, a further adjustment may be necessary for any differences in Course Rating.

**NOTE:** If you are playing a recreational round for handicap purposes, you will need to pre-register before you play.



**NOTE:** The handicap allowances for each competition will be specified in the Terms of the Competition.

## Acceptable Scores for Handicap Purposes

- Players should submit ALL singles Competition scores played in accordance with the Rules of Golf for handicap purposes. i.e. competition or social scores from Medal, Stableford, Par/Bogey as a single golfer.
- Scores from team competitions and match play are currently not acceptable in England and should not be submitted.
- It is recommended that scores from regular informal competitions often organised as social events (Swindles and Roll-Ups) played in accordance with the Rules of Golf are submitted. The accuracy of a players Handicap Index will be improved the greater number of scorecards submitted. Note: There are **NO** - 0.1 increases under WHS. A hole that is started but not completed will be recorded as a net double bogey and any holes not played will be allocated a net par. The adjusted score will be added to the players' record.

## Pre-registration

- Players are required to register their intention, via the app, to submit a score from general (non-competition) play before commencing the round.
- Scores submitted from general play are called General Play scores and are like the current Supplementary Scores

## Transition Handicaps

To move from **CONGU** to **WHS** handicaps, all players' current Handicap Records will be reprocessed using the WHS principles. The calculation will identify the best 8 of the last 20 Qualifying Scores, if posted during the last 2 years, and factor in:

- The adjusted Gross Score
- The Course Rating (or SSS)
- Any PCC (or CSS) adjustments
- The Slope Rating of the tees played

If a player has submitted **less than 20 scores in the last 2 years**, the calculation will be done in a similar manner to the method of allocating new handicaps, as shown below.

**NOTE: This transition will be carried out automatically by the Handicapping Software and England Golf CDH.**

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