

World Handicap System Update 24/09/2020

THE NEW GOLF HANDICAP SYSTEM (WHS) – OVERVIEW

The new World Handicap System will come in to effect on 2 November 2020 and we are now making final preparations for its implementation.

Below is an overview of the system. The England Golf as well as the HVGC websites contain plenty of more detailed information and we would strongly urge you have a look at this information.

Further information will be given on our website and via email over the weeks prior to the start date so keep an eye out as it will affect all playing members.

The absolute basics

Prior to the 2 November 2020, you will be given a handicap index based on your best eight scores from your last twenty scores entered. This is broadly similar to your current handicap. If you have not played 20 rounds, don't worry England Golf will calculate your Handicap index from the data they have for you

Every time you play a round of golf, you will need to look at a chart at the club house for the tees you are playing off to obtain a course handicap for that course based on your Handicap index. That's what you will play off and your handicap will either stay the same, go down or up, depending on how difficult the course is. Simple really!

Purpose of the new system

To allow players to use a common, transferable, system which will reflect their ability and be fair on any course in the World.

For example, under the existing system, a player who plays an average of 20 over par at Horsehay Village Golf Club (HVGC) would have a handicap of about 19, as would a player who does the same at, say Royal Birkdale. However, a 19 handicap at Royal Birkdale is much more difficult to obtain than at HVGC as it's a longer and much more challenging course. Because of this, the two handicaps are not really the same.

The new system evens out these differences by adjusting handicaps depending on where your handicap was obtained and what tees you are playing off. Under the new system, the player at Royal Birkdale would not have a handicap index of 19, but something below that, say 17, to reflect their actual playing ability.

The course

Each set of tees is given a rating which is what a scratch golfer would be expected to play that course in. Although not exactly the same, this is broadly similar to the current standard scratch score and this is known as the "course rating".

Each set of tees is also given a "slope rating" which dictates how many shots players get. This has nothing to do with slopes / gradients on the course but indicates the difficulty of a golf course for the "bogey golfer" (handicap 20 for men, 24 for women) relative to the scratch player. Every set of tees will have a slope rating and those numbers will vary between 55 and 155. The higher the slope rating, the greater the difference expected between the scores of scratch and bogey golfers.

A slope rating of 113 is considered to be of standard playing difficulty. The higher the rating, the more shots you get, the lower the rating, the less shots you get and you just read off the chart what this does to your handicap on that course. It's very straightforward!

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The 18 hole tees at Horsehay are rated as follows:-

Whites tees for men	Course rating	69.4	Slope rating	124
Yellow tees for men	Course rating	67.9	Slope rating	116
Red tees for ladies	Course rating	71.0	Slope rating	128

The front and back nine holes are also rated separately so they can be played in competitions and for handicaps.

Wrekin Side (9 hole)

Whites tees for men	Course rating	34.4	Slope rating	122
Yellow tees for men	Course rating	33.7	Slope rating	116
Red tees for ladies	Course rating	35.0	Slope rating	129

Telford Side (9 hole)

Whites tees for men	Course rating	35.0	Slope rating	125
Yellow tees for men	Course rating	34.2	Slope rating	118
Red tees for ladies	Course rating	36.0	Slope rating	127

Your handicap

You will be given a handicap index which will be similar to your current CONGU handicap. This will form the basis for your course handicap which is dependent on the course you are playing on that day. The "course handicap" will be obtained from a chart of handicaps for that particular course.

Fortunately, you won't have to worry about this, as the World Handicap System will do all the hard work for you.

Playing

Prior to playing, you will look at the handicap chart for the course and tees you are intending to play to find out what your "course handicap" will be for that round.

A male and female couple who would normally play off different tees, say red and yellow, can now play together off any tees which have been rated for them. (This is not available at HVGC as the tees are only rated for either male or female)

You select the tees you want to play from and look up your handicap index to ascertain your course handicap.

An initial Course Rating table is shown below for the 18 hole calculations, this will be modified by adding the HVGC Logo.

Additionally we are awaiting from England Golf similar Course Rating Tables for the two sets of 9 hole layouts,



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COURSE RATING™ & SLOPE RATING® TABLE



MEN

WHITE YARDS
Course Rating: 69.4
Slope Rating: 124

Handicap Index®	Course Handicap™
+5.0 to +4.2	+5
+4.1 to +3.2	+4
+3.1 to +2.3	+3
+2.2 to +1.4	+2
+1.3 to +0.5	+1
+0.4 to 0.4	0
0.5 to 1.3	1
1.4 to 2.2	2
2.3 to 3.1	3
3.2 to 4.1	4
4.2 to 5.0	5
5.1 to 5.9	6
6.0 to 6.8	7
6.9 to 7.7	8
7.8 to 8.6	9
8.7 to 9.5	10
9.6 to 10.4	11
10.5 to 11.3	12
11.4 to 12.3	13
12.4 to 13.2	14
13.3 to 14.1	15
14.2 to 15.0	16
15.1 to 15.9	17
16.0 to 16.8	18
16.9 to 17.7	19
17.8 to 18.6	20
18.7 to 19.5	21
19.6 to 20.5	22
20.6 to 21.4	23
21.5 to 22.3	24
22.4 to 23.2	25
23.3 to 24.1	26
24.2 to 25.0	27
25.1 to 25.9	28
26.0 to 26.8	29
26.9 to 27.7	30
27.8 to 28.7	31
28.8 to 29.6	32
29.7 to 30.5	33
30.6 to 31.4	34
31.5 to 32.3	35
32.4 to 33.2	36
33.3 to 34.1	37
34.2 to 35.0	38
35.1 to 35.9	39
36.0 to 36.9	40
37.0 to 37.8	41
37.9 to 38.7	42
38.8 to 39.6	43
39.7 to 40.5	44
40.6 to 41.4	45
41.5 to 42.3	46
42.4 to 43.2	47
43.3 to 44.1	48
44.2 to 45.1	49
45.2 to 46.0	50
46.1 to 46.9	51
47.0 to 47.8	52
47.9 to 48.7	53
48.8 to 49.6	54
49.7 to 50.5	55
50.6 to 51.4	56
51.5 to 52.3	57
52.4 to 53.3	58
53.4 to 54.0	59

MEN

YELLOW YARDS
Course Rating: 67.9
Slope Rating: 117

Handicap Index®	Course Handicap™
+5.0 to +4.4	+5
+4.3 to +3.4	+4
+3.3 to +2.5	+3
+2.4 to +1.5	+2
+1.4 to +0.5	+1
+0.4 to 0.4	0
0.5 to 1.4	1
1.5 to 2.4	2
2.5 to 3.3	3
3.4 to 4.3	4
4.4 to 5.3	5
5.4 to 6.2	6
6.3 to 7.2	7
7.3 to 8.2	8
8.3 to 9.1	9
9.2 to 10.1	10
10.2 to 11.1	11
11.2 to 12.0	12
12.1 to 13.0	13
13.1 to 14.0	14
14.1 to 14.9	15
15.0 to 15.9	16
16.0 to 16.9	17
17.0 to 17.8	18
17.9 to 18.8	19
18.9 to 19.7	20
19.8 to 20.7	21
20.8 to 21.7	22
21.8 to 22.6	23
22.7 to 23.6	24
23.7 to 24.6	25
24.7 to 25.5	26
25.6 to 26.5	27
26.6 to 27.5	28
27.6 to 28.4	29
28.5 to 29.4	30
29.5 to 30.4	31
30.5 to 31.3	32
31.4 to 32.3	33
32.4 to 33.3	34
33.4 to 34.2	35
34.3 to 35.2	36
35.3 to 36.2	37
36.3 to 37.1	38
37.2 to 38.1	39
38.2 to 39.1	40
39.2 to 40.0	41
40.1 to 41.0	42
41.1 to 42.0	43
42.1 to 42.9	44
43.0 to 43.9	45
44.0 to 44.9	46
45.0 to 45.8	47
45.9 to 46.8	48
46.9 to 47.8	49
47.9 to 48.7	50
48.8 to 49.7	51
49.8 to 50.7	52
50.8 to 51.6	53
51.7 to 52.6	54
52.7 to 53.6	55
53.7 to 54.0	56

LADIES

RED YARDS
Course Rating: 71.0
Slope Rating: 128

Handicap Index®	Course Handicap™
+5.0 to +4.9	+6
+4.8 to +4.0	+5
+3.9 to +3.1	+4
+3.0 to +2.3	+3
+2.2 to +1.4	+2
+1.3 to +0.5	+1
+0.4 to 0.4	0
0.5 to 1.3	1
1.4 to 2.2	2
2.3 to 3.0	3
3.1 to 3.9	4
4.0 to 4.8	5
4.9 to 5.7	6
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24.3 to 25.1	28
25.2 to 26.0	29
26.1 to 26.9	30
27.0 to 27.8	31
27.9 to 28.6	32
28.7 to 29.5	33
29.6 to 30.4	34
30.5 to 31.3	35
31.4 to 32.2	36
32.3 to 33.1	37
33.2 to 33.9	38
34.0 to 34.8	39
34.9 to 35.7	40
35.8 to 36.6	41
36.7 to 37.5	42
37.6 to 38.4	43
38.5 to 39.2	44
39.3 to 40.1	45
40.2 to 41.0	46
41.1 to 41.9	47
42.0 to 42.8	48
42.9 to 43.6	49
43.7 to 44.5	50
44.6 to 45.4	51
45.5 to 46.3	52
46.4 to 47.2	53
47.3 to 48.1	54
48.2 to 48.9	55
49.0 to 49.8	56
49.9 to 50.7	57
50.8 to 51.6	58
51.7 to 52.5	59
52.6 to 53.4	60
53.5 to 54.0	61

Instructions
When using this table, find the range containing your Handicap Index® in the left column. Play with the Course Handicap™ which corresponds with it in the right column. Please make sure that the tees from which you are playing corresponds with the appropriate Slope Table above.



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