

DELEGATES MEETING SEPTEMBER 2021 – INTER CLUB

Handicap Index (HI) Limits for 2022

Now that we feel the World Handicap System (WHS) has started to settle in we have made the decision to make the upper limit for the A league 25.4 HI. This still means the A league has a very large handicap range. All the other leagues will remain the same for the 2022 season.

Scratch	- up to 36.4
A League	- up to 25.4
B League	- 18.5 up to 36.4
White Rose	- up to 36.4
Weekend League	- up to 36.4

This year, not knowing what impact the pandemic may have, it was decided to do the draw on a much closer basis geographically. Obviously, this was always dependent on the geography of clubs and how many had entered within the same area. Some of the feedback we have been receiving is that team members have enjoyed not having to travel such large distances to matches. So, for 2022 we have decided to widen the areas somewhat but cutting out the far aspect of the draw. Please remember again though that we can't always manage this and on occasions a team may have some considerable distance to travel. Believe me it would make our lives so much easier if we had the right number of clubs within say a 45-minute radius of each other, we certainly wouldn't have to spend hours looking at google maps.

We have also been told that, due to the proximity of opponents, many of you have enjoyed not having a meal after a match but perhaps a scone or a slice of cake and then getting off home. Of course, we do not get involved with the refreshments side of things but maybe it is something you could bear in mind when setting up your matches for next year.

Although the vast number of matches were played, and with full teams, unfortunately we did have a few matches whereby fewer than a full team was fielded with a very small percentage not being able to raise a team at all. Whilst we do appreciate things have been somewhat strange this year some may have stretched themselves when entering teams. So, we ask you to please consider very carefully your team entries for 2022. It really is no good only having the bare minimum of players for a team or even to have only one or two extras. Many clubs enter both A and B teams and rely on those in the middle HI range to play in both teams then they find the players don't want to play so many matches. If any who have already entered teams but now feel you may be stretching yourselves, we would rather you make alterations now than to have to pull out or not field a full team next year.

Remember the closing date for 2022 team entries is 21 September. If we have received your entry then an acknowledgement will have been sent. If you believe an entry has been sent but no acknowledgement has been received then please re-submit. Messages asking whether or not an entry has been received will NOT be answered. Apologies for those of you who have received more than one acknowledgement, sometimes even multiple!! I have to blame technology for this!!!!

It has come to our notice that perhaps not everyone is quite sure what the White Rose league is all about. This league is ideal for clubs who have a wide range of Handicap Indexes amongst their ladies but not enough of the criteria stipulated to field a team in the Scratch, A or B leagues. It's also ideal for those clubs who have a small number of lady members but still would like to play good competitive golf. At the other end of the spectrum those clubs fortunate enough to have many

lady members may wish to enter another team to give more of their players the opportunity to play in the Championships. Whatever the reasoning the White Rose league has exactly the same status as the other four leagues, ask the four finalists from the event at Dore and Totley recently. Also, it has the bonus of having just five players with the only restriction on HI's being 36.4. We would seriously ask you to consider entering a team in this league, particularly if you know you may struggle to get the seven players required in other leagues. Also, may I remind you that the Weekend League is open to all. Whilst, as the name suggests, it is primarily to be played on a weekend day it can also be played during weekday evenings. Again, this has exactly the same status with a final's day and trophies for leading qualifier and finals winner. Also, the Weekend League only requires three players per team.

Dates and venues for the finals are in the handbook each year so please check these as it is important if you do get to a final that you are able to accept the invitation to play in it.

With the introduction of the WHS coupled with the Covid 19 pandemic we felt it would not be the right time to look at any further changes. We will, however, be carrying out our annual review and would very much appreciate your thoughts and views here today.

So please don't leave this meeting feeling you haven't had your say. Now is the time to pass onto us what you are thinking.

Thank you

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