

Handicap Information

Obtaining a Handicap.

Cardross is affiliated to CONGU® (Council Of National Golf Unions) and our handicapping adheres to CONGU® regulations.

To obtain a CONGU® handicap for the first time a member must:

- Submit a required number of nine and/or 18-hole cards played over a *Measured Course* (rated course) at his *Home Club*.
- Any permutation of nine and 18-hole cards may be submitted but must total a minimum of 54 holes.
- Cards submitted over nine holes must be returned from a *Designated Nine-Hole Course*. Each card must be marked and signed by a responsible person acceptable to the *Handicap Committee*. The requisite cards should normally be submitted within a period of six months.

Cards submitted with information missing or incorrect may not be accepted

What happens next:

The Handicap Committee shall:

- Adjust any score of more than 2 over par for men and 3 over Par for women at any hole to 2 [3] over par respectively.
- Add the nine-hole scores (if applicable) to make up 18-hole equivalents in chronological order.
- If a club has more than one Designated Nine-Hole Courses each pair of nine-hole scores must be returned over courses having the same Designated Nine-Hole SSSs for the gender of player concerned.
- Calculate the Adjusted Gross Differential ('AGD') scores from the three 18 hole (or 18-hole equivalent) scores; these scores being calculated by comparing the returns relative to the SSS's of the courses/tees used:

(AGD = Adjusted Gross Score – SSS for the course/tees used)

- Determine the Lowest Adjusted Gross Differential ('LAGD') from the three Adjusted Gross Differentials. Reduce the resulting LAGD according to the formula; Initial Handicap = (LAGD + (LAGD*0.13))/ 1.237 truncated to provide a whole number.

For example, a player with a Lowest Adjusted Gross Differential of 31 is allotted an initial handicap of 28 (which is recorded as an Exact Handicap of 28.0) as shown below:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Initial Handicap} &= (31 + (31 * 0.13)) / 1.237 \\ &= (31 + 4.03) / 1.237 \\ &= (35.03 / 1.237) \\ &= 28.31 \text{ truncated to } 28 \text{ and recorded as an Exact Handicap of } 28.0.\end{aligned}$$

After these adjustments have been made the whole number Exact Handicap shall, subject to the provisions of Clauses 16.3(c) and 16.3(e), be allotted.

Once a handicap is allocated it will appear on the PSI system in the clubhouse, on the howdidido web site and on the printed lists in the clubhouse.

Already Have a Handicap.

New members who already have a handicap at another or previous club can simply transfer their handicap to Cardross, by providing a handicap certificate from that club which has been signed by a handicap secretary or committee position.

If the new member decides to keep memberships at more than one club, this is allowed, but he/or she, must stipulate where the handicap is to be managed, i.e. the Home Club.

If a new member wants Cardross as the home club, this must be stipulated on the handicap certificate, or covering letter and the other club(s), must be informed. (We will also need to be aware of what the away club(s) are so that we can forward information to these clubs.

If a new member wishes to keep their handicap at a club other than Cardross, we will still need to see a certificate, but we need to be told that the Handicap is an "Away" handicap and which club is the player's home club.

Maintaining Your Handicap

It is the players responsibility to maintain their handicap and there are basically two ways that this is done.

Firstly, by submitting cards scored as part of Qualifying competitions, where the card will automatically be assessed as part of the competition and adjusted against the Competition Standard Scratch (CSS)

Adjustments will be based on your score in relation to the CSS and your handicap category. (A further explanation of Handicap Categories and Buffer zones will be provided)

The player must ensure that competition scores are returned via the computer system (when available) and the signed card must be placed in the competition box. This ensures that the CSS is set correctly and handicaps are adjusted according to the playing conditions.

If you score over your "buffer zone" your exact handicap will be increased by 0.1 shots.

If you score "under CSS", your exact handicap is reduced according to the Handicap Category you are in. (See table below)

Category	Hcap Range	Buffer	Reduction	Increase
1	0.1 – 5.4	+1	-0.1	+0.1
2	5.4 – 12.4	+2	-0.2	+0.1
3	12.5 – 20.4	+3	-0.3	+0.1
4	20.5 – 28.4	+4	-0.4	+0.1

The **second** method of maintaining a handicap is commonly known as Supplementary Play and is simply an assessment of a players playing ability outside of competition. It is based on the reliance of the player to honestly provide non-competition scores in order to establish improvements (or in some cases the opposite) in playing ability and, therefore, scores.

Any "supplementary" card can be assessed by the Handicap Secretary and a change in handicap will, where applicable, be agreed by the Handicap Committee applied.

Please sign Supplementary Book in Pro's shop before playing a supplementary round.

Regaining a handicap - (following suspension and loss of handicap)

A player whose status of handicap has under the provision of Clause 25.1 or Clause 25.3 not been marked as a 'Competition Handicap' can regain a Competition Status Handicap by submitting 3 qualifying scores which could be 18 hole competitions, nine-hole competitions or Supplementary Scores. Each of these scores shall be entered in the player's Handicap Record and shall adjust the Exact Handicap in accordance with the provisions of Clause 17 or Clause 22, as appropriate.

Once the requisite returns have been entered into the player's Handicap Record the Competition Status shall be reinstated subject to a review by the Handicap Committee.

When a handicap is being regained the Handicap Committee should in addition give due consideration to the handicap the player last held, his age and potential playing ability. (A Category 1 handicap will not be allotted without the approval of the Union or Area Authority if so delegated).

Entering Competitions

- Medal Competitions can be entered in the Pro's shop where the entry sheets are opened two weeks prior to the competition date.
- Names can be entered on the sheet in time blocks and then a ballot will take place on the Thursday before the competition.
- Wednesday medals are by arrangement except between 4.00 - 5.30 PM when a booking sheet in Pro's shop is used.
- Sunday medals are balloted between 07.30 -10.40 AM and then by arrangement
- Other competition entry sheets and Club knockout competitions are displayed in the Clubhouse foyer

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN ENTRY BOOK IN PRO'S SHOP BEFORE PLAY

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