

World Handicapping System

How will my Handicap Change?

The following document sets out examples to explain when and how members Handicap Index will change once additional scores are submitted. Also it highlights the impact of three competitions that have been processed twice and is impacting of some member handicaps.

Player 1

Player 1 has 20 scores and their Handicap Index of 19.6 has been calculated on the best 8 scores highlighted in yellow.

Card No.	Date Played	Course Name	Course	Slope	Adjusted	Score
			Rating	Rating	Gross Score	Differential
1	18/10/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	95	24.3
2	19/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	106	34.6
3	05/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	91	20.5
4	29/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	93	21.5
5	26/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	90	19.6
6	19/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	100	29.0
7	15/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	95	24.3
8	01/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	97	26.1
9	18/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	94	23.3
10	08/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	88	17.7
11	04/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	87	16.8
12	01/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	87	15.9
13	07/03/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	101	29.9
14	25/01/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	93	22.4
15	07/03/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	101	29.9
16	25/01/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	93	22.4
17	05/10/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	94	23.3
18	14/09/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	101	29.9
19	03/08/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	97	26.1
20	06/07/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	97	27.1
21	03/07/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	89	18.7

Handicap Index 19.6

This player can play four medals to improve his handicap without any change in their handicap assuming they do not score less than 93, i.e. score differential of 22.4.

It will be the 5th medal before any of their best 8 scores drops off. The 16th score will be replaced by the 9th score increasing the players Handicap Index from 19.6 to 19.7.

Again assuming they do not score less than 93, i.e. score differential of 22.4

Player 2

Player 2 has 20 scores and their Handicap Index of 14.9 has been calculated on the best 8 scores highlighted in yellow.

Card No.	Date Played	Course Name	Course	Slope	Adjusted	Score
			Rating	Rating	Gross Score	Differential
1	18/10/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	90	19.6
2	16/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	94	23.3
3	09/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	91	20.5
4	05/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	96	25.2
5	31/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	NR	42
6	29/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	98	26.1
7	28/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	91	20.5
8	26/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	85	14.9
9	19/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	88	17.7
10	15/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	90	19.6
11	01/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	92	21.5
12	22/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	92	22.4
13	11/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	83	13.1
14	08/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	85	14.9
15	04/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	82	12.1

As this player has two of their best 8 scores as their last two scores (Card No 19 and 20), then these scores will drop off and be replaced by scores in their next two medals.

The players next two best score differential are 2 x 19.6s.

1st Medal

If the player does not have a score differential equal or less than 16.8, then this score will be replaced by one of the 19.6 scores. Their handicap will increase from 14.9 to 15.3.

2nd Medal

If the player does not have a score differential equal or less than 17.7, then this score will be replaced by one of

16	01/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	83	12.1
17	02/11/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	92	21.5
18	05/10/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	90	19.6
19	07/09/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	88	17.7
20	17/08/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	88	16.8
21	15/08/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	92	21.5

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the 19.6 scores. Their handicap will increase from 15.3 to 15.5.

If the player scores less than 17.7 score differential in any off their first 2 medals, then their handicap index will be re-calculated using the 2 new scores.

Player 3

Player 3 has only 15 scores and their Handicap Index of 8.2 has been calculated on the best 5 scores highlighted in yellow.

Card No.	Date Played	Course Name	Course	Slope	Adjusted	Score
			Rating	Rating	Gross Score	Differential
1	17/10/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	76	6.5
2	16/10/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	77	7.5
3	27/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	80	9.3
4	18/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	80	10.3
5	09/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	81	11.2
6	05/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	82	12.1
7	03/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	78	8.4
8	30/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	80	10.3
9	26/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	83	13.1
10	16/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	79	9.3
11	09/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	NR	44.8
12	01/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	94	23.3
13	29/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	79	9.3
14	12/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	86	16.8
15	04/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	82	12.1

Handicap Index 8.2

As per Rule 5.2a, if there are fewer than 20 Score Differentials, the table below is used to determine the number of Score Differentials to be included in the calculation and any adjustment that may apply.

This player has to submit 2 more scorecards to fall into next category where the Handicap Index will be based on average of best 6 scores, i.e. 8.4 (Card 13 included)

Another 2 more scorecards to fall into next category where the Handicap Index will be based on average of best 7 scores, i.e. 8.7 (Cards 13, 8 & 4 included)

Finally, one more score and 20 scores have been submitted and the final category is reached where the Handicap Index will be based on average of best 8 scores, i.e. 8.9 (Cards 13 & 8 included)

The above is based on the assumption that none of the next 5 scores falls into the best 8 scores.

Calculation of Handicap Index Table

Number of Score Differentials in scoring record	Score Differential(s) to be used in calculation of Handicap Index	Adjustment
3	Lowest 1	-2.0
4	Lowest 1	-1.0
5	Lowest 1	0
6	Average of lowest 2	-1.0
7 or 8	Average of lowest 2	0
9 to 11	Average of lowest 3	0
12 to 14	Average of lowest 4	0
15 or 16	Average of lowest 5	0
17 or 18	Average of lowest 6	0
19	Average of lowest 7	0
20	Average of lowest 8	0

Medals Processed Twice in Scottish Golf Database

In the transitions of scores from club Systems in Scottish Golf system, the medals from Jan to Mar 20 have been processed twice for some unknown reason and this is impacting on members' handicaps.

Player 4

Player 4 has only 20 scores and their Handicap Index of 19.0 has been calculated on the best 8 scores highlighted in yellow.

Card No.	Date Played	Course Name	Course Rating	Slope Rating	Adjusted Gross Score	Score Differential
1	26/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	91	20.5
2	19/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	92	21.5
3	05/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	91	20.5
4	15/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	88	17.7
5	09/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	96	25.2
6	01/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	91	20.5
7	18/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	96	25.2
8	11/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	91	20.5
9	04/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	94	23.3
10	07/03/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	86	15.9
11	25/01/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	92	21.5
12	07/03/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	86	15.9
13	25/01/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	92	21.5
14	02/11/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	104	32.7
15	12/10/19	Airdrie	69.1	121		21.5
16	05/10/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	96	25.2
17	14/09/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	99	28.0
18	08/09/19	Airdrie	69.1	121		27.1
19	11/08/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	91	20.5
20	03/08/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	102	30.8
21	27/07/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	95	24.3

Handicap Index 19.0

The medal on 07/03/20 has been processed twice and both scores are included in the best 8 scores giving a false lower Handicap Index.

One of these scores on 07/03/20 should be deleted and the next best score will be included giving a revised Handicap Index of 19.7.

One of the scores on 25/01/20 should also be deleted, however no additional score will be included as the Handicap Index would then be calculated on the best 7 scores out of 19 as per table above. This score may possibly be deleted once additional scores are added.

Adjustments will only be processed if it makes a significant change to a member's handicap.

Player 5

Player 5 has only 20 scores and their Handicap Index of 17.1 has been calculated on the best 8 scores highlighted in yellow.

Card No.	Date Played	Course Name	Course Rating	Slope Rating	Adjusted Gross Score	Score Differential
1	17/10/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	88	17.7
2	28/09/20	Airdrie	67.5	118	83	11.5
3	26/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	92	21.5
4	19/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	86	15.9
5	16/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	92	21.5
6	14/09/20	Airdrie	67.5	118	91	22.0
7	09/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	NR	48.6
8	05/09/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	93	22.4
9	12/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	93	22.4
10	10/08/20	Airdrie	67.5	118	97	26.8
11	01/08/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	91	20.5
12	29/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	91	20.5
13	11/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	97	26.1
14	13/07/20	Airdrie	67.5	118	84	13.4
15	08/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	95	24.3
16	04/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	90	19.6
17	01/07/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	114	41.1
18	25/01/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	94	23.3
19	25/01/20	Airdrie	69.1	121	94	23.3
20	07/12/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	88	17.7
21	02/11/19	Airdrie	69.1	121	89	18.7

Handicap Index 17.1

Although the duplicated scores on the 25/01/20 in not within the player's best 8 scores, however if the duplicated score is deleted, score 21 would now be score 20.

This score of 89 (Score Differential 18.7) would replace score 11 (Score Differential, 20.5) and Handicap Index would be adjusted from 17.1 to 16.9.

This player's handicap would not be changed as the change if not significant. However it may be significant in other members handicaps.

