



World Handicap System



On November 2nd, the existing Congu handicapping system will be replaced by the World Handicap System. The WHS is designed to attract more players to the game • Make handicapping easier to understand • Give all golfers a Handicap Index that can be transferable from club to club.

All golf clubs around the world will be assessed in the same way and each tee at every golf club will be allocated a Course Rating and a Slope Rating.

The average Slope Rating is 113 and Highcliffe Castle Golf Club has been assessed as below:

White Tees:	Course Rating (CR) 62.8 – Slope Rating (SR) 104
Yellow Tees:	Course Rating (CR) 62.2 – Slope Rating (SR) 102
Red Tees:	Course Rating (CR) 67.4 – Slope Rating (SR) 112

How will your handicap be affected?

Your existing 'exact handicap' and 'playing handicap' will change and become a Handicap Index which will be translated into a course handicap depending on the course and tee you play off.

The Handicap Index will be calculated by taking the best 8 scores from your previous 20 competition rounds and will be affected by the Course Rating and Slope Rating of the course/tee you play from. This will be done by the existing club golf system run by 'How Did I Do'. If you have not played 20 rounds in the last 2 years, then you will be assessed using the following formula.

- 3 scores: lowest score -2
- 4 scores: lowest score -1
- 5 scores: lowest score
- 6 scores: average of lowest 2 scores -1
- 7 to 8 scores: average of lowest 2 scores
- 9 to 11 scores: average of lowest 3 scores
- 12 to 14 scores: average of lowest 4 scores
- 15 to 16 scores: average of lowest 5 scores
- 17 to 18 scores: average of lowest 6 scores
- 19 scores: average of lowest 7 scores
- 20 scores: average of lowest 8 scores

It is in your best interest to play as many competitive rounds of golf as possible to get an accurate handicap.

Your Handicap Index will be displayed on the Club V1 app or by using the How Did I Do computer at home or in the golf club. The other option is to ask Kevin Saunders our club professional who will be only too willing to help. The index should be released by Club V1 on the 2nd November.

All you have to do is choose the tees that you're playing off that day and cross reference your Handicap Index on the Course & Slope Rating table to ascertain your Course Handicap. It really is as simple as that - you're then ready to get out on the course and play!

The Course & Slope Rating table will be available in the locker rooms and by the first tee to make this calculation easy.

An example is shown below:

Highcliffe Castle Golf Club

Men's White tees Course Rating 62.8 Slope Rating 104		Men's Yellow Tees Course Rating 62.2 Slope Index 102		Ladies Red Tees Course Rating 67.4 Slope Rating 112	
Handicap Index	Course Handicap	Handicap Index	Course Handicap	Handicap Index	Course Handicap
7.1 to 8.1	7	7.3 to 8.3	7	6.6 to 7.5	7
8.2 to 9.2	8	8.4 to 9.4	8	7.6 to 8.5	8
9.3 to 10.3	9	9.5 to 10.5	9	8.6 to 9.5	9
10.4 to 11.4	10	10.6 to 11.6	10	9.6 to 10.5	10
11.5 to 12.4	11	11.7 to 12.7	11	10.6 to 11.6	11
12.5 to 13.5	12	12.8 to 13.8	12	11.7 to 12.6	12
13.6 to 14.6	13	13.9 to 14.9	13	12.7 to 13.6	13
14.7 to 15.7	14	15.0 to 16.0	14	13.7 to 14.6	14
15.8 to 16.8	15	16.1 to 17.1	15	14.7 to 15.6	15
16.9 to 17.9	16	17.2 to 18.2	16	15.7 to 16.6	16
18.0 to 19.0	17	18.3 to 19.3	17	16.7 to 17.6	17
19.1 to 20.1	18	19.4 to 20.4	18	17.7 to 18.6	18
20.2 to 21.1	20	20.5 to 21.6	19	18.7 to 19.6	19
21.2 to 22.2	21	21.7 to 22.7	20	19.7 to 20.6	20
22.3 to 23.2	22	22.8 to 23.8	21	20.7 to 21.6	21

How will this affect Stroke Play Competitions?

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

If you enter a competition the system will work out your Course handicap and then translate it into a Playing Handicap for you, you simply have to fill it in on the scorecard before you play and return your scores in the normal way.

How will this affect Match Play Competitions?

In a match play competition, you will use the Course & Slope Rating Table to calculate your handicap.

New Scorecard

A new scorecard has been produced to coincide with the new handicap system coming and will begin to be used from the 2nd November.

Several of the stroke index have been changed and these will be effective from the 2nd November. We have also reviewed the local rules and tidied these up as well.

COMPETITION											Please indicate which tee used.			
DATE		Handicap Index	Course Handicap	TIME				Handicap Index	Course Handicap	RATING 62.8 SLOPE 104				
A				C						RATING 62.2 SLOPE 102				
B				D						RATING 67.4 SLOPE 112				
Hole	Marker's Score	White Yards	Yellow Yards	Par	Stroke Index	Player's Score				W L H = + = 0 = - Points	Red Yards	Par	Stroke Index	
						A	B	C	D					
1		309	295	4	11						309	4	5	
2		167	155	3	13						167	3	11	
3		427	427	4	1						427	5	7	
4		367	362	4	5						367	4	1	
5		345	325	4	9						330	4	3	
6		283	275	4	17						283	4	9	
7		184	170	3	7						184	3	13	
8		245	235	3	3						245	4	15	
9		139	130	3	15						139	3	17	
		2466	2374	32	OUT						2451	34		
PLEASE SMOOTH OUT BUNKERS, REPLACE DIVOTS AND REPAIR PITCHMARKS														
10		318	300	4	6						318	4	4	
11		142	142	3	14						142	3	12	
12		242	237	3	2						242	4	14	
13		364	356	4	4						364	4	2	
14		324	315	4	10						324	4	8	
15		182	175 230	3	12						240	4	18	
16		292	292	4	16						292	4	10	
17		119	110	3	18						119	3	16	
18		349	340	4	8						349	4	6	
		2332	2267 2322	32	IN						2390	34		
		2466	2374	32	OUT						2451	34		
		4798	4641 4896	64	TOTAL						4841	68		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> STABLEFORD POINTS OR PAR RESULT </div>		HANDICAP								Holes won				
		NETT								Holes lost				
										Result				

Marker's Signature Player's Signature

Highcliffe Castle Golf Club Local Rules

Out of Bounds and Course Boundaries

1. A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any fence defining the boundary of the course, including the carpark.
2. On or over the public footpath whilst playing any hole other than the 10th and 18th.
3. The tarmac and paths behind the 1st tee, practice putting green and 9th tee.
4. The gazebo area behind the 8th green beyond the white posts.
5. The greenkeepers sheds to the right of the 8th fairway behind the white posts.

Penalty Areas

The ditch across the course on the 6th and 2nd is a Penalty area defined by Yellow stakes, rule 17.1 applies

Putting Greens

1. When playing a hole, if the player must take relief under Rule 13.1f because his or her ball came to rest on the wrong putting green or practice putting green or that putting green interferes with his or her stance or area of intended swing:
In finding the relief area to be used when taking this relief, the putting green is defined to include the area of fairway within one club length from the edge of the putting green.
This means that the nearest point of complete relief must avoid interference from this area in addition to the putting green.
2. The temporary green on the 6th and 17th holes are wrong greens even when not in use and relief must be taken under rule 13.1f

Abnormal Course Conditions and Integral Objects

1. Mats that are secured are immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under rule 16.1
2. Ground under repair is defined by any area encircled by a white line or by a GUR sign.
3. The paths on the course to the side of the 1st, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 14th, 18th tees, through the bank at the 2nd, around the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th greens, even if not artificially-surfaced, are treated as Immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

Special or Required Relief Procedures

The young trees identified by Red Marks are no play zones

1. If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.
2. The area of flower beds to the rear of the 4th green and behind the practice putting green is a no play zone that is to be treated as an abnormal course condition. Free relief must be taken from interference by the no play zone under Rule 16.1f.

Information

Distance Markers 150 yd markers are measured to the centre of the green. **Flag Location Indicators** Red - Front, Yellow - Centre, White - Back of Green.

Safety on the Course When playing a golf shot, players are responsible for the safety of other players and green staff. Walkers using the public footpath have priority at all times.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE A DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE CLUB HOUSE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS.