



2: How will my initial WHS Handicap be calculated?

Your initial WHS handicap on 2nd November 2020 will be based on the average of the lowest eight of the last 20 scores that you have posted in Qualifying Competitions or submitted as Supplementary Scores.

Only scores submitted since January 2018 will count. With less than 20 counting scores the calculation is adjusted according to the following table:

Calculation of a New Handicap Index

For Fewer Than 20 Scores

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

What happens if I don't have three Qualifying Scores posted?

With less than three counting scores, the calculation would be done as if you had three scores equal to your current club handicap and your new handicap would be equal to your current handicap, minus 2.

For example, with a current handicap of 20, your new handicap would be 18. This is likely to be much lower than it should be and demonstrates why it is **VERY IMPORTANT** to make sure you have at least three scores posted before November, and preferably more.

Ideally, you should aim to have between 10 and 20 scores posted so that your new WHS handicap is a good indication of your recent play.

If you are unsure as to how many Qualifying Scores you have in, you may email sidcupgolfclub@googlemail to ask us to check.

Coming Next:

The next article will introduce you to 2 new WHS terms:

- **Course Rating:** the number of strokes a Scratch golfer should take on any given course, which is used to calculate the difficulty of a golf course, and
- **Bogey Rating:** the measure of the playing difficulty of a golf course for a Bogey golfer (20 handicap)