

## WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM (WHS)

Dear Members,

### INTRODUCTION

A new World Handicap System has been designed and will be launched on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

The purpose of the WHS is to provide maximum enjoyment for all by enabling players of any ability, from anywhere in the world, to play and compete with others on a fair basis.

### HANDICAP INDEX

All golfers will obtain a Handicap Index that replaces their current handicap. The Handicap Index provides a portable measure of your demonstrated playing ability that is consistent with how all other golfers will be measured around the world.

For regular golfers, you do not have to do anything. Your Handicap Index will be calculated by computer using your best 8 scores from the previous 20 rounds.

For new golfers who don't currently have a handicap, you will need to submit score cards for 54 holes (3 x 18 holes, 6 x 9 holes or any combination of 9 and 18 holes) to the Club Professional.

Every time you submit a card, your Handicap Index will be adjusted. If you NR a hole, the computer will assume a net double bogey, if you don't play a hole the computer will attribute a net par. Adjustments will also be made for the 'Playing Condition Calculation' where all cards entered that day, not just competition cards, are taken into account.

All players will know their adjusted Handicap Index the following day.

### COURSE AND SLOPE RATING

To allow the introduction of the WHS, all courses have been assessed from the different tees for a scratch golfer and a bogey golfer and a Course Rating and Slope Rating for each tee type has been determined.

For our Male members, the Course Rating from the Black Tee is 70.9, from the White Tee is 70.6 and from the Yellow Tee is 69.4. For all these tees the Slope Rating is 118.

For our Female members, the Course Rating from the Red tee is 74.0 with a Slope Rating of 129.

### COURSE HANDICAP

Before going out onto the course, all golfers must convert their Handicap Index into a Course Handicap. This is easily done by firstly deciding which tee you are going to play from then secondly looking at the Course Handicap Tables shown on notice boards at the Professional Shop, near the practice putting green and near the first tee to determine your Course Handicap.

When you enter Club competitions, this information will already be shown on the score card.

### HANDICAP ALLOWANCES

The WHS has a new range of Handicap Allowances that will be in operation from the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The most common ones are:-

Strokeplay	Individual and Stableford	95%	Fourball and Fourball Stableford	85%
Matchplay	Individual	100%	Fourball	90%

Again, when you enter Club competitions, this information will already be shown on the score card.

## IN CONCLUSION

Members will start to see their Handicap Index appearing alongside their current handicap from the old system in September.

Outside competitions, members can pre-register for a handicap card in the Professional Shop. To ensure members obtain an accurate handicap index, we encourage you all to input as many cards as possible before the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

The WHS allows all the tees to become Gender Neutral so, whilst all the work done so far is in line with our historic use of the tees (black, white and yellow for men and red for ladies), it is intended that we will change to Gender Neutral once the WHS has been introduced and the course has been reassessed to allow its introduction.

Handicap Committee