

The World Handicap System.

Things you need to know

This guide is for those who have not familiarised themselves with the WHS, and hence is focused on basics of what you need to know. No explanation has been given of how or why things are the way they are. Anyone wishing to understand the background to things should investigate the subject for themselves (see the attachments on the accompanying email).

What was called a qualifying competition under the Congu handicapping system is now called a competition that is 'acceptable for handicap adjustment purposes'. For the purpose of this guide the word qualifying has been used to mean the same thing.

YOUR HANDICAP INDEX.

- 1. You will need to know this if you want to play.**
2. It can change from one day to the next.
3. It can be found by registering yourself with England Golf. You will need your CDH number to do this. It is also available on HDID under members handicap
4. It is required to determine your Course Handicap.

YOUR COURSE HANDICAP

1. Your Course Handicap is determined using your Handicap Index. Charts are displayed around the Club that enable you to look up your Course Handicap for the tee you are playing off on that day. You do so by looking at the Course Handicap that lines up with your Handicap Index band
2. YOUR COURSE HANDICAP **MUST** BE WRITTEN ON YOUR SCORECARD.
3. You should play your round using your Course Handicap (see below).

YOUR PLAYING HANDICAP

1. Your Playing Handicap is the handicap that applies to a particular competition and is set up in advance for you on HDID.
2. When you enter a competition (book via HDID) the figure shown to the right of your name is your Playing Handicap for that competition, **it is not your Course Handicap.**
3. You can write the playing handicap on the scorecard if you wish but you should use the Course Handicap for playing purposes. This is so as to avoid mistakes, for example, prematurely picking up when you think you have no Stableford score.
4. When you play a Stableford competition and enter your score (gross score on each hole) via HDID, the system will work out your Stableford score based upon your Playing Handicap not based on the Course Handicap. There is therefore, no need or requirement to record your Stableford score on the scorecard. In the case of singles stroke play competitions, including Stablefords,
5. Do not alter the handicap shown on HDID unless you are sure that it is incorrect.

For information: The Playing Handicap is calculated by multiplying your Course Handicap by 0.95 (95%). This is mandatory in the case of qualifying competitions and recommended for none qualifying competitions. We have followed the England Golf recommendation so that we have consistency from week to week.

PRE REGISTRATION (signing in)

It is now a requirement that you must sign-in before you commence your round. Whatever you have used in the past to sign-in and enter your score can still be used. The only difference is that you now need to sign-in before you leave home in the case where you use your home computer, or at the latest, at the course, if you are using a smart phone. Sign-in will be open from 6:00 am on the day of the competition.

IN SUMMARY:

- Establish your Handicap Index
- Determine your Course Handicap
- Sign in to HDID before commencing your round
- Ensure you write your Course Handicap on your card
- Complete the card, and play in accordance with your course handicap.
- Enter your gross score for each hole on HDID, which will then automatically calculate your playing handicap score.