



HANDICAP INFORMATION & MAINTENANCE

GENERAL

Bungay & Waveney Valley Golf Club is a CONGU registered Club (The Council of National Golf Unions) and handicaps are therefore allocated to individual players in accordance with current rules and guidelines set down by this organisation.

Following cessation or suspension of Club membership a players individual CONGU controlled handicap is immediately lost.

Any player joining another CONGU Club / Rejoining Bungay will therefore have to apply for his or her handicap to be reinstated and transferred to the new Club, if applicable. The level at which reinstatement applies varies as follows:-

If this reinstatement occurs within 12 month, the Club should reinstate at the level applying at the date of loss (rule 26.1).

If reinstatement occurs after 12 months from the date of 'loss', 3 new cards will be required by the new Club Handicap Committee to enable them to consider at what level the handicap should be reinstated. (rule 26.2). This Committee should take the previous handicap history fully into account when deciding this new handicap level.

To enable reference to previous playing history, it is therefore important that players should keep a note of their lifetime CDH number. (the CDH system does have a search engine facility which may locate the previous history given alternative information- record discovery is not guaranteed).

Please Note – All Handicaps are calculated and based on a Standard Scratch rating and not the course Par.

HANDICAP CATEGORIES

Handicaps are divided into different bands – called categories. Depending on which category you are in, the amount your handicap can go down varies. Also the amount you can play over your handicap (called buffer zone) varies before your handicap increases.

Handicap increases are dealt with at the time a competition is closed off and results published. (and not before – see below)

On closure of a competition all players who played above their handicap level will be given a 0.1 increase in handicap, other than those falling within their specified banding buffer zone, where no adjustment is applicable – the zone bandings are as follows:-



Current Handicap Range	Player Category	Buffer Zone
Plus to 5.4	1	Competition CSS + 1
5.5 to 12.4	2	Competition CSS + 2
12.5 to 20.4	3	Competition CSS + 3
20.5 to 28	4	Competition CSS + 4
28.5 to 36	5	Competition CSS + 5
37 to 54	6	Competition CSS + 6

The Standard Scratch (SSS) is adjustable for every competition dependant on the scores achieved in the field on that particular day and on closure of the competition a CSS (Competition Standard Scratch) for that day is calculated – Adjustments up or down are then based on this CSS. (which can vary between one competition and another) - **For this reason it is important that all competitors submit their cards in all competitions played, including incomplete rounds where a NR (No Return) may be recorded.**

Handicap Reductions are dealt with by using the CSS but subject to a temporary immediate reduction as described later in this document (and using the SSS as a temporary start point)

ACTIVE / INACTIVE HANDICAPS

All members with Active CONGU competition handicaps must return at least three qualifying scores, including Supplementary Scores per calendar year (1st Jan to 31st December) in order to retain a Active handicap (denoted by a 'c' following the numerical value on the register). Those failing to return the stipulated number of scores will automatically revert to an inactive handicap (no 'c' denotation) which will may prevent them from winning a Cup/ Honours Board club competition. In some cases players not holding a 'c' status handicap may be prevented from playing at other clubs.

Information relating to the administration of Supplementary Scores can be found on the notice boards in the Ladies & Gentlemen's locker rooms or elsewhere on this website.

Unless specified otherwise, Players not holding a 'c' status handicap are ineligible to play in Cup or Honours Board competitions and win sweep monies.

There may also be some competitions where a handicap entry level or allowance limit may apply.

Where a handicap limit is imposed by the organising body, the player will still play his or her CONGU allocated handicap for the purpose of attaining a qualifying score. The organising body will then adjust this score when determining the performance level applicable to the individual competition being played.

In order to win a Cup, Trophy or Honours Board competition at Bungay & Waveney Valley Golf Club it is therefore necessary to hold a competition, 'c' status handicap unless such competitions are advertised as being open all categories regardless of handicap status.



PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITIES

REDUCTION OF HANDICAP

If a player enters a qualifying competition, either at their own club or away, and scores less than the SSS for the course or more than 36 points in a Stableford competition they must reduce their exact handicap immediately.

At Bungay, the 'bench points' at which handicaps are changed are as follows:-

Men off White Tees - above 35 points/ below net 70

Men off Yellow tees – above 36 points/ below net 69

Ladies off Red – above 35 points/ below net 71

Using the appropriate chart they **must reduce their exact handicap IMMEDIATELY** and if applicable, their playing handicap until such time as the results are officially published showing their new revised handicap. Please note that it is the player's responsibility to report any such scores recorded away from their home club.

The exact changes to handicaps can only be determined on completion of the Competition, when all scores are registered and the Competition Standard Scratch is calculated. (CSS)

The following chart may be used as a rough guide in the absence of the 'appropriate chart' noted above.

Reduction per stroke play shot under SSS / reduction stableford points over SSS at Bungay	Men off white	- less than net 7 stroke play. - over 35 stableford points
	Ladies off red	- less than net 71 stroke play. -over 35 stableford points
	Men off yellow	- less than net 69 stroke play. -over 36 stablefor points
Current Handicap Range	Buffer Zone	Reduction per shot below
0 to 5.4	Course SSS +1	0.1
5.5 to 12.4	Course SSS + 2	0.2
12.5 to 20.4	Course SSS + 3	0.3
20.5 to 28	Course SSS + 4	0.4
28.5 to 36	Course SSS +5	0.5
37 to 54	Course SSS+6	0.6

On closure of a competition the CSS (Competition Standard Scratch) is use to calculate the exact reduction.



INCREASE IN HANDICAP

A player must NOT increase their handicap until any increase has been published on the appropriate notice board.

HANDICAP REVIEW

Handicaps will be reviewed annually or in accordance with CONGU directives.

AQUIRING A HANDICAP FOR THE FIRST TIME

In order to be awarded a handicap for the first time a player must submit cards covering 54 holes of golf in combinations of 9 hole rounds (e.g. 3 x 18 holes, 6 x 9 holes or any combination of 9 or 18 holes resulting in the total of 54 holes).

18 hole cards may be played in Medal or Stableford format.

9 Hole cards shall be played in Stableford format only.

The player must register his or her intention to submit cards for handicap purposes before commencing the round by completing the supplementary record book and all holes played must be played over the course measured distance (the coloured concrete disc markers found on the tee areas). (i.e. If temporary tee mats are in use, the round is invalid unless play on that hole is made from the concrete marker disc and not the temporary mat.) The holes must be played in the order as shown on the card, starting from hole 1 (first tee). The requisite 3 cards should normally be submitted within a period of 6 months.

On completion of the 54 holes, the Handicap Secretary will register your handicap with CONGU who will in turn allocate your lifetime CHD number which will apply to your individual handicap record indefinitely.

A player's guide to the CONGU handicap system can be downloaded from the internet by using the following site address: <http://www.congu.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Playersquick-guide.pdf>

HANDICAP ALLOWANCES

Stroke play Singles - Full handicap

Match play Singles - Full difference of handicaps



Foursomes - Half difference between combined handicap of each side

Four ball better ball - Lowest player concedes strokes to other three calculated as 90% of difference

Greensomes Stroke play - 60% of the lower players handicap + 40% of the higher players handicap

Greensomes Match play - Full difference between 'greensomes' handicap - as calculated above.