

## **Message from your Competitions / Handicap Committee**

Like you we are members of Seascale Golf Club. We give up our time to run the Club Competitions and maintain your Handicap Index. We are not perfect. We do our best to ensure we comply with the rules if you feel something is not right please bring your concern to a member of the Competitions / Handicap Committee we will ensure things are put right if needed.

**Handicap Committee:** The entity established by a golf club which is responsible for ensuring compliance with the obligations of the golf club under the Rules of Handicapping Rule 1.3 and Appendix A.

Members are encouraged to read the Terms of the Competition and Temporary Local Rules which are published on the Competitions Notice Board in the Clubhouse.

Well the World Handicap System (WHS) has been with us now since 2nd November 2020. A few questions are being asked by members about the WHS. We have tried to answer some of the questions below. If you have a question that's not been covered please contact a member of the team and we will try to answer your question.

**Handicap Index:** 98% of our members' Handicap Index are within 1, 2 or 3 shots of their CONGU handicap. The last 2 years scores were used to work out players Handicap Index.

You can preview your WHS Handicap Index, by registering on the England Golf Website! Just go to the England Golf Website or follow the link below.  
<https://members.whsplatform.Englandgolf.org/signup>

The My England Golf app is now available for free download!

View your WHS Handicap Index 

Check your full playing record on the go 

Use the calculator that applies your Index to any venue in England 

Create a friends group & track scores 

Head to Apple or Google Play stores today to continue your WHS journey:

Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details...>

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/myeg/id1530752395>

**Calculating your Course Handicap** Once you have decided which tees you are going to play, you must convert your Handicap Index into a Course Handicap.

The conversion process is easy—and can be done by using a look-up table located near the pros' shop, your Club software or a mobile app.

For those of you who like numbers, you can do it yourself using the following formula for an 18-hole round:  $\text{Course Handicap} = \text{Handicap Index} \times (\text{Slope Rating} / 113)$

- Some members have noted that their Course Handicap is the same playing from all 3 sets of tees. Comments have been made when playing our mixed tee competitions you may as well play from the yellow tees. This point will be covered in more detail below.



| Medal (95%)     | Course Rating | Slope Rating                              | Par | Medal, Scratch, Maximum Score / | Stableford, Par, Bogey (95%)   |                   |
|-----------------|---------------|---|-----|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
|                 |               |   |     | Difference in CR Adjustment (a) | Points to play to Handicap (b) | Stroke Adjustment |
| Men             | 70.3          | 129                                       | 71  | 0                               | 37                             | 0                 |
| Men             | 71.9          | 129                                       | 71  | 1.6                             | 35                             | + 2*              |
| Men             | 72.5          | 130                                       | 71  | 2.2                             | 35                             | + 2*              |
| Male HI 4.4 (Y) | CH = 5        | PH = 95% of CH = 4.75 = PH 5              |     |                                 | PH = 95% of CH = 5             |                   |
| Male HI 4.4 (W) | CH = 5        | PH = 95% of CH = 4.75 + 1.6 = 6.35 = PH 6 |     |                                 | PH = 95% of CH = 5 + 2 = 7     |                   |
| Male HI 4.4 (B) | CH = 5        | PH = 95% of CH = 4.75 + 2.2 = 6.95 = PH 7 |     |                                 | PH = 95% of CH = 5 + 2 = 7     |                   |

You may have noticed that in a stableford competition this player receives the same strokes 7 playing from the blue or white tees. You may be thinking no point playing the blue course in a stableford. For handicap purposes an adjusted Gross Score of 76 from the white tees under normal playing conditions = a score differential added to the players handicap record of 3.6. The same score returned from the blue tees = a score differential added to the players handicap record of 3.0 maybe worth taking this into account when selecting which tees to play from.

**Submitting your score** please submit your score as soon as possible after you have completed your round. By registering your intention (Signing in) to return a score the computer system is expecting a score to be returned. If you have had a bad day on the course please still return your score including all scores record on your scorecard. The competitions committee cannot close the competition without accounting for all the scorecards for all players signed into the competition. This is an area that gives us most problems and delays the closing of the competition.

**Preferred Lies / Mats** Winter Rules or Preferred Lies can be used in England from 1st October through to 30th April. For Acceptable Scores to be returned the course must be playing to its measured length and the rules of golf are followed.

There seems to be some confusion / misunderstanding with the wording in the local rule for the use of Preferred Lies / Mats: **cut to fairway height or less**.

An area of the course that is cut to fairway height or less and includes fairways the fringe/apron around the green.

Areas of the course that are **not** cut to fairway height or less and includes paths through the rough, paths from tee to fairway, the area to the right of the 16th fairway known as the Dell "dingly dell", the grassed river bed left of 9th green towards the 10th tee.

Sometimes it is difficult during the winter to determine if your ball lies on the fairway or semi-rough. This can be determined by looking to see if you can see the cut that defines the fairway from the rough or by calling your playing partners to help with making the right decision.

We feel that due to the confusion around this and the severe rainfall we have experienced recently we have decided to revert back to allow Optional Mats in the semi rough for the time being, therefore competitions will be non-qualifying

**Some other points:**

We are having issues with the ClubV1 system at the moment this is the system we use to setup the competitions. The system is not giving the stroke adjustments for the Club multi / mixed tee competitions. This is the reason we have had to drop the Club Texas Scrambles from the fixture list. We are still running the Club 4 Person Team and Club 4 Ball Better Ball competitions however we are having to manually adjust the scores where needed. Hopefully once the issue is fixed we can get back to playing our multi / mixed tees competitions as normal.

The Club Knockouts go live on Howdidido for booking on Sunday 7th February 2021 please lookout for them.

We have 122 club / opens competitions on our 2021 fixture list for you to compete in to reduce your Handicap Index.

Enjoy your golf on our fantastic course.

Competitions and Handicap Team.