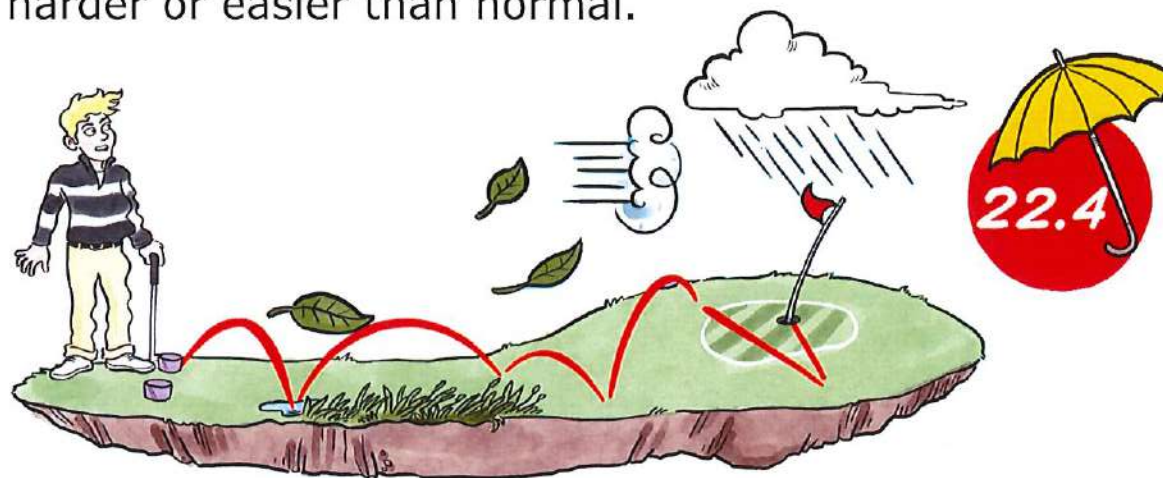


Playing Conditions Calculation

Abnormal playing conditions can be caused by weather and/or course set-up.

The PCC assesses whether playing conditions on the day were 'normal' or significantly harder or easier than normal.



Playing Conditions Calculation

When abnormal playing conditions cause scores to be higher or lower than expected on a given day, a Playing Conditions Calculation will adjust score differentials to better reflect the player's actual performance.

This means that a higher score on a tough day may still be a good score and one of your best 8, used to calculate your updated Handicap Index.



Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC)

The PCC:

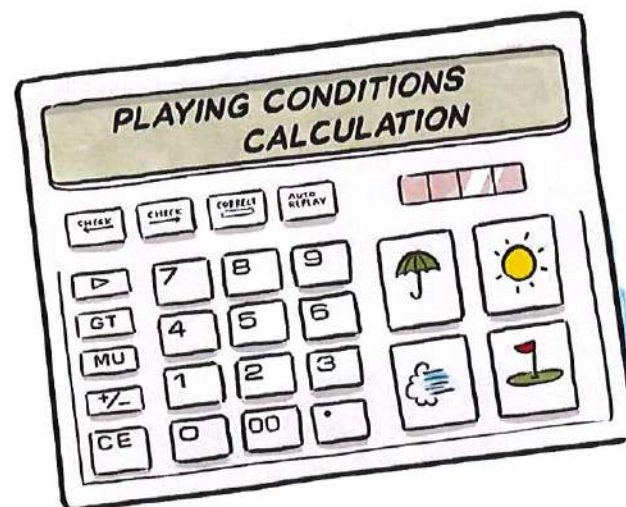
Is generally performed only once for a day

Considers all acceptable scores submitted on a golf course (all formats, competitive & recreational, 9 & 18 holes)

Requires at least eight acceptable scores submitted by players with a Handicap Index of 36.0 or below

Is automatically applied within the calculation of score differentials for all players

Is designed to be simple and conservative in nature, adjusting score differentials in integer values ranging from -1 to +3



Impact on Player's Handicap Index?

- Slope Rating adjustment to Course & Playing Handicap
- Basic calculation of best 8 of last 20 scores
- Cap mechanism – restricting upward movement
- PCC – robust, but conservative mechanism
- Exceptional score leads to immediate reduction; can be triggered by one score

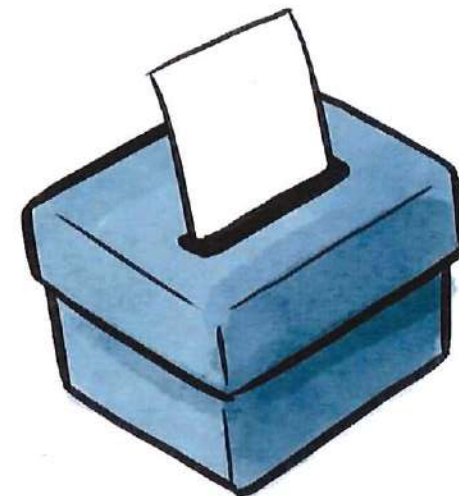


Scores for Handicap Purposes (Rule 2)

Principle of the Rule:

The scores a player submits for handicap purposes are at the core of the calculation of their Handicap Index.

Rule 2 covers the conditions a score must satisfy for it to be acceptable for handicap purposes, providing confidence that it will produce reasonable evidence of the player's ability and, ultimately, a Handicap Index that reflects this.



Acceptability of Scores (Rule 2.1)

Rounds played:

- In an authorized format of play;
- Over a minimum number of holes;
- By the Rules of Golf;
- With at least one other person;
- On a course with a current Course Rating and Slope Rating;
- During an active season;
- Certified in accordance with Rules of Handicapping



Authorized Formats of Play (Rule 2.1a)

Format of Play	Type of Round	Number of Holes			
		9	✓	18	✓
Individual Stroke play	Organized competition	9	✓	18	✓
	General play	9	✓	18	✓
	Stableford – organized competition	9	✓	18	✓
	Stableford – general play	9	✓	18	✓
	Par / bogey – organized competition	9	✓	18	✓
	Par / bogey – general play	9	✓	18	✓
	Maximum Score – organized competition	9	✓	18	✓
	Maximum Score – general play	9	✓	18	✓

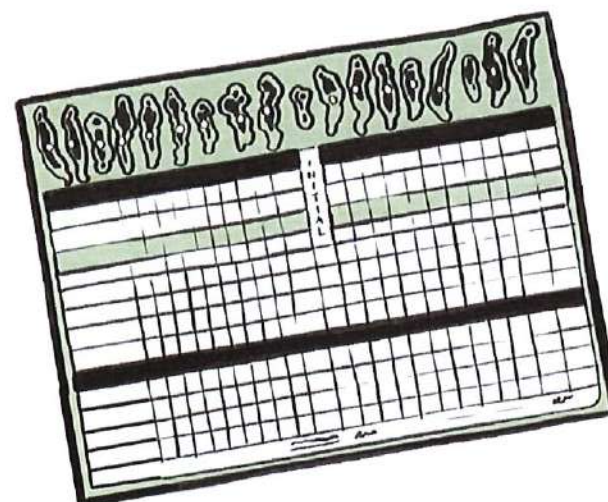


Minimum Number of Holes

If playing an 18 hole round and the player completes more than 9 holes, the score is added to the record

If playing a 9 hole round all holes must be played

- If the minimum number of holes are not played the score is discarded and not included in the players record

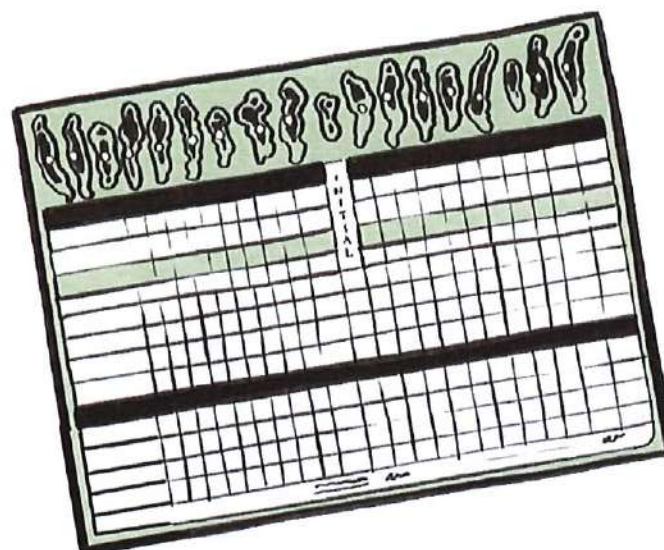


Hole Scores May Be Adjusted

- By Net Double Bogey for a high score
- Or
- If all holes haven't been played, recording a Net Par on the holes not played

Exception: If less than 14 holes of 18 hole round have been played, net par +1 stroke must be added to the first hole not played and net par to remaining unplayed holes

These adjustments are made using the course handicap and will be applied by the computer.



Pre-Registration/Supplementary Scores

The Idea of pre-registration/supplementary score will remain unchanged from current CONGU regulations

Such pre-registration must be made:

- Before the player starts the round, and
- In the manner prescribed by the Handicap Committee.

Make the registration process as easy as possible

A player can be considered to have pre-registered their intent to submit a score if playing in a regular, organized event with other players.



When to Submit Score

	Format Authorized at Home	Format Unauthorized at Home
Round Played Away in Authorized Format	Submit score	Submit score
Round Played Away in Unauthorized Format	Submit score	Not acceptable



Certification of a Score (Rule 4.4)

The options are:

Score must be certified by a marker prior to submission, and

Score must be available for peer review as soon as possible after being posted to the scoring record, or



How do I get from car to course?

What do I need to do when I want to play?

For your index to be portable to all courses it must be converted into a Course Handicap

Each club will need to make available a handicap look up chart, or use an app or the club software

Simply select the tees you want to play and look up your handicap index to ascertain your course handicap

If you are playing in a competition or match you will also need to know any handicap allowance that may be applied.



Handicap Conversion Chart

For all rated courses at
the club

There are companies
that will produce
professional charts

Rating charts will be
sent by Wales Golf to
Clubs

Yellow		
Par	CR	Slope
72	73.2	132
Handicap Index		Course Hcp
+6.0 to +5.8		+6
+5.7 to +4.9		+5
+4.8 to +4.1		+4
+4.0 to +3.2		+3
+3.1 to +2.4		+2
+2.3 to +1.5		+1
+1.4 to +0.6		0
+0.5 to 0.2		1
0.3 to 1.1		2
1.2 to 1.9		3
2.0 to 2.8		4
2.9 to 3.6		5
3.7 to 4.5		6
4.6 to 5.3		7
5.4 to 6.2		8
6.3 to 7.1		9
7.2 to 7.9		10
8.0 to 8.8		11
8.9 to 9.6		12
9.7 to 10.5		13
10.6 to 11.3		14
11.4 to 12.2		15
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19.1 to 19.9		24
20.0 to 20.8		25
20.9 to 21.6		26
21.7 to 22.5		27
22.6 to 23.3		28
23.4 to 24.2		29
24.3 to 25.0		30
25.1 to 25.9		31
26.0 to 26.7		32
26.8 to 27.6		33
27.7 to 28.5		34
28.6 to 29.3		35
29.4 to 30.2		36
30.3 to 31.0		37
31.1 to 31.9		38
32.0 to 32.7		39
32.8 to 33.6		40
33.7 to 34.4		41
34.5 to 35.3		42
35.4 to 36.0		43

White		
Par	CR	Slope
72	70.8	125
Handicap Index		Course Hcp
+6.0 to +5.7		+8
+5.6 to +4.8		+7
+4.7 to +3.9		+6
+3.8 to +3.0		+5
+2.9 to +2.1		+4
+2.0 to +1.2		+3
+1.1 to +0.3		+2
+0.2 to 0.6		+1
0.7 to 1.5		0
1.6 to 2.4		1
2.5 to 3.3		2
3.4 to 4.2		3
4.3 to 5.1		4
5.2 to 6.0		5
6.1 to 6.9		6
7.0 to 7.8		7
7.9 to 8.7		8
8.8 to 9.6		9
9.7 to 10.5		10
10.6 to 11.4		11
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15.1 to 16.0		16
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17.0 to 17.8		18
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29.6 to 30.4		32
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31.4 to 32.2		34
32.3 to 33.1		35
33.2 to 34.0		36
34.1 to 34.9		37
35.0 to 35.8		38
35.9 to 36.0		39

Red		
Par	CR	Slope
72	67.8	110
Handicap Index		Course Hcp
+6.0 to +6.0		+11
+5.9 to +5.1		+10
+5.0 to +4.1		+9
+4.0 to +3.2		+8
+3.1 to +2.2		+7
+2.1 to +1.3		+6
+1.2 to +0.3		+5
+0.2 to 0.6		+4
0.7 to 1.6		+3
1.7 to 2.6		+2
2.6 to 3.6		+1
3.6 to 4.4		0
4.5 to 5.4		1
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28.3 to 29.1		26
29.2 to 30.1		27
30.2 to 31.0		28
31.1 to 32.0		29
32.1 to 32.9		30
33.0 to 33.8		31
33.9 to 34.8		32
34.9 to 35.7		33
35.8 to 36.0		34

Playing the Yellow Tees at Builth Wells Golf Club.

Handicap Index	Course Handicap	Handicap Index	Course Handicap
+3.5 TO +3.3	..... +4	19.0 TO 19.9	..... 21
+3.2 TO +2.4	..... +3	20.0 TO 20.8	..... 22
+2.3 TO +1.4	..... +2	20.9 TO 21.7	..... 23
+1.3 TO +0.5	..... +1	21.8 TO 22.6	..... 24
+0.4 TO 0.4	..... 0	22.7 TO 23.6	..... 25
0.5 TO 1.3	..... 1	23.7 TO 24.5	..... 26
1.4 TO 2.3	..... 2	24.6 TO 25.4	..... 27
2.4 TO 3.2	..... 3	25.5 TO 26.3	..... 28
3.3 TO 4.1	..... 4	26.4 TO 27.3	..... 29
4.2 TO 5.0	..... 5	27.4 TO 28.2	..... 30
5.1 TO 6.0	..... 6	28.3 TO 29.1	..... 31
6.1 TO 6.9	..... 7	29.2 TO 30.1	..... 32
7.0 TO 7.8	..... 8	30.2 TO 31.0	..... 33
7.9 TO 8.7	..... 9	31.1 TO 31.9	..... 34
8.8 TO 9.7	..... 10	32.0 TO 32.8	..... 35
9.8 TO 10.6	..... 11	32.9 TO 33.8	..... 36
10.7 TO 11.5	..... 12	33.9 TO 34.7	..... 37
11.6 TO 12.5	..... 13	34.8 TO 35.6	..... 38
12.6 TO 13.4	..... 14	35.7 TO 36.5	..... 39
13.5 TO 14.3	..... 15	36.6 TO 37.5	..... 40
14.4 TO 15.2	..... 16	37.6 TO 38.4	..... 41
15.3 TO 16.2	..... 17	38.5 TO 39.3	..... 42
16.3 TO 17.1	..... 18	39.4 TO 40.2	..... 43
17.2 TO 18.0	..... 19	40.3 TO 40.4	..... 44
18.1 TO 18.9	..... 20		

Course: Builth Wells

Tees: Yellow

Slope Rating: 122

Handicap Index: 15.6
Course Handicap = 17

Competition Handicap Allowance

Once you have looked up your course handicap you will need to convert this into your playing handicap for the format of golf you are playing

This differs depending on the format of play, similar to the current system.



Competition Handicap Allowance

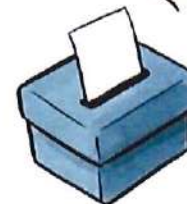
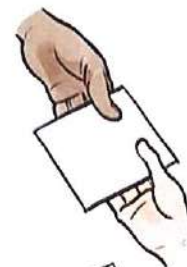
Format of Play	Type of Round	Recommended Handicap Allowance
Stroke play	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Four-Ball	85%
	Four-Ball Stableford	85%
	Four-Ball Par/Bogey	90%
Match play	Individual	100%
	Four-Ball	90%
Other	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Pinehurst/Chapman	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Best 1 of 4 stroke play	75%
	Best 2 of 4 stroke play	85%
	Best 3 of 4 stroke play	100%
	All 4 of 4 stroke play	100%
	Scramble (4 players)	25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap
	Scramble (2 players)	35% low/15% high
	Total score of 2 match play	100%
	Best 1 of 4 Par/Bogey	75%
	Best 2 of 4 Par/Bogey	80%
	Best 3 of 4 Par/Bogey	90%
	4 of 4 Par/Bogey	100%



Submitting a Score

Following timely submission of scores by the player or anyone else responsible or authorized to submit their score, responsive updates provide a real-time measure of a player's golfing ability.

This Rule also outlines the information that players are required to submit for acceptable scores and how these scores can be verified.

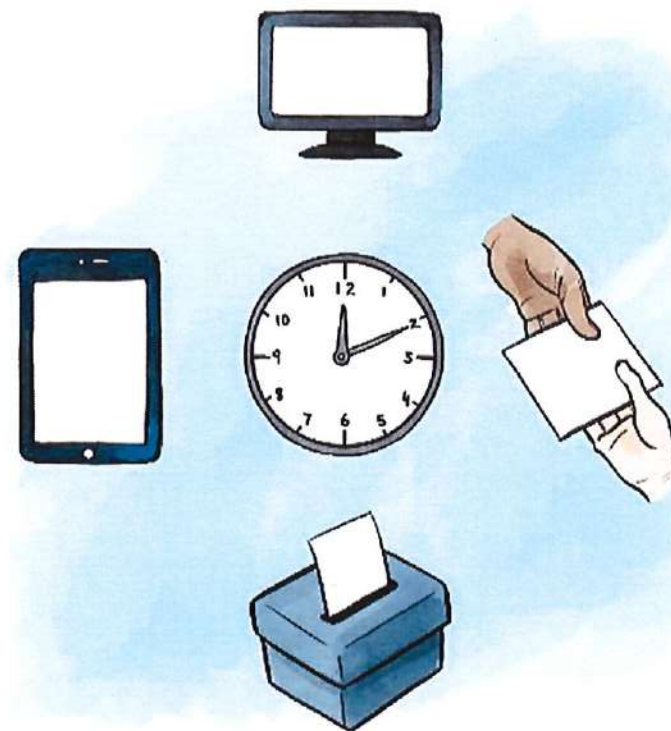
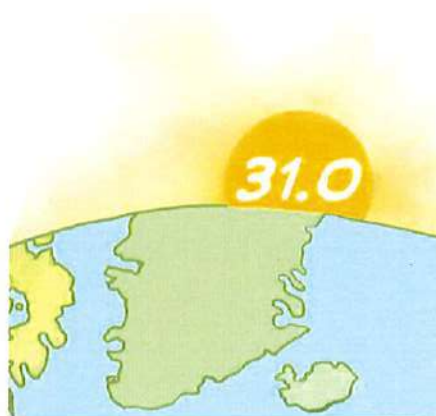


How to Submit a Score and Revision of Handicap Index

A player should submit their score as soon as possible on the day of play

- This should be at the venue being played
- Must be submitted hole by hole

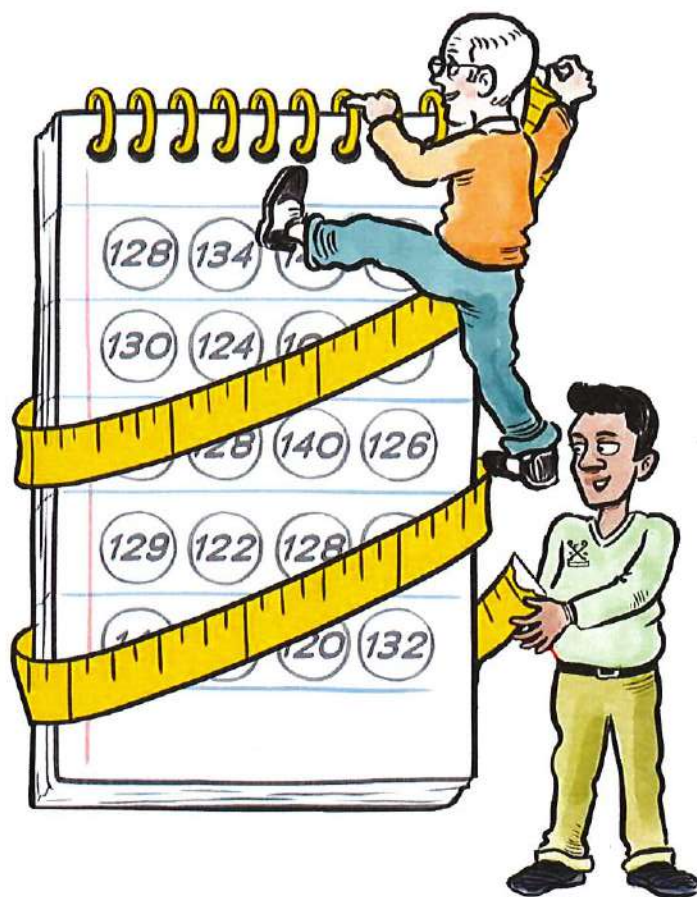
The handicap index will then be updated overnight



The Process



The Committee



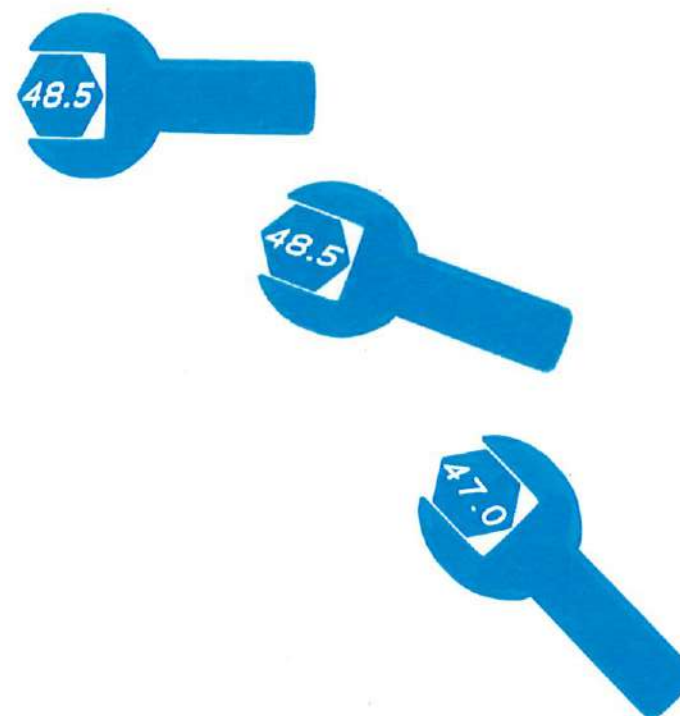
Committee Actions (Rule 7)

Principle of the Rule:

The Handicap Committee plays a vital role in the successful administration of a player's Handicap Index.

Equipped with tools:

- Intervene when the calculated Handicap Index is no longer reflective of the player's golfing ability.
- Ensure that players are treated fairly and consistently from golf club to golf club
- Set appropriate Terms of the Competition for all participating players.



Conducting a Handicap Review

It is strongly recommended that the Handicap Committee conducts a handicap review at least once a year, for all players for which it is responsible

- Software will recommend reports and give notifications to assist Handicap Committees
- A player can request a handicap review
- A player must be made aware of, and be involved in, the handicap review process and be able to appeal a decision



Handicap Review

A review could involve the analysis of any or all of the following information:

Deviations from the expected scoring performance for the player.

The trend of the player's Handicap Index - differences in player's Handicap Index over last 12 months/24 months.

The player's scoring record history.

Comparison of average score differentials in match play v stroke play formats of play.

Comparison of average score differentials between competitive and casual rounds.

Frequency of score submissions in last 12 months v previous 12-month cycles.

% of acceptable scores submitted at a player's home club.

% of acceptable scores from 9-hole rounds.

Any scores from, or performances known, in non-authorized formats of play.



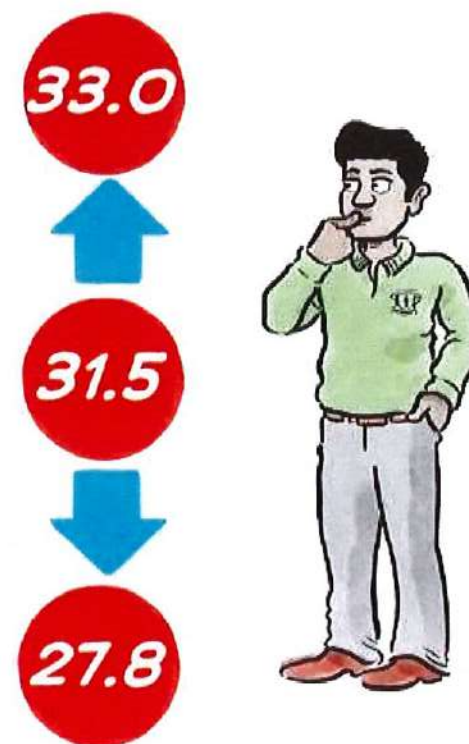
Adjusting a Player's Handicap Index

When a handicap review has been completed, the Handicap Committee can adjust a player's Handicap Index to better reflect their demonstrated ability, based on the results of the analysis reports.

The adjustment must satisfy the following criteria:

- Be a minimum of 1 full stroke; and
- Except in exceptional circumstance, only increase a player's Handicap Index by up to 5.0 strokes above their Low Handicap Index

There is no limit as to how far downwards a Handicap Index can be adjusted



Adjusting a Player's Handicap Index

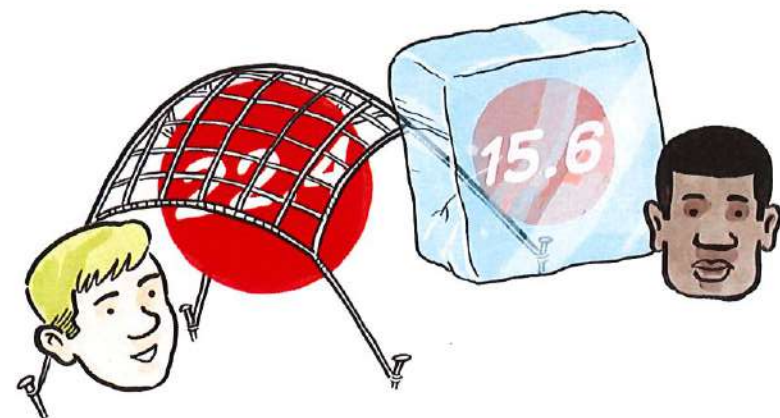
Adjustments can be made by:

Resetting the Handicap Index by applying an adjustment to each of the most recent 20 score differentials in the scoring record, to achieve the chosen Handicap Index,

OR

Resetting and/or freezing a Handicap Index for a defined period of time.

If required, the Handicap Committee should consult with the Wales Golf before adjusting a player's Handicap Index



Applying a Penalty Score

If a player fails to submit a score from an authorized format of play, the Handicap Committee should investigate and take appropriate action.

Reason:

- Valid and an acceptable score is still discoverable = score will be posted.
- Not valid and an acceptable score is discoverable = score will be posted.
- Score is not discoverable = a penalty score may be posted.

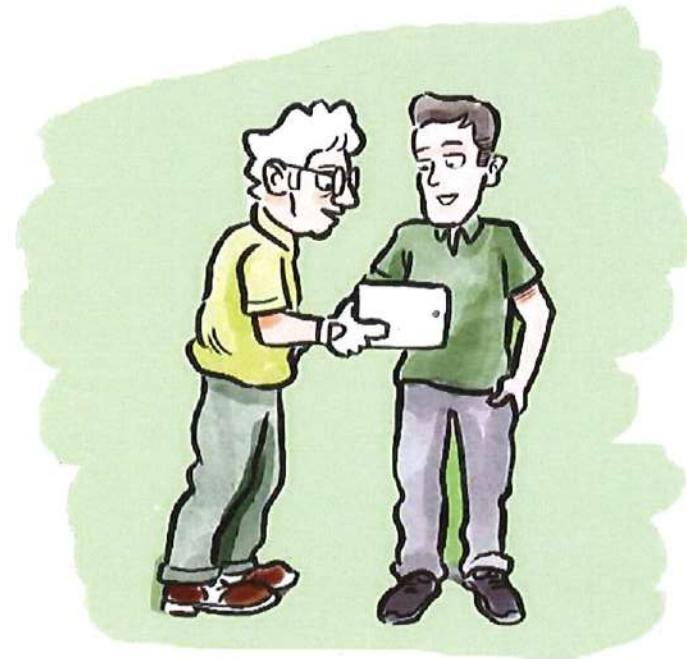
In the most serious cases, such as repeated failure to submit acceptable scores, the Committee has discretion to apply additional penalty scores, reset the player's Handicap Index or consider other disciplinary procedures



Withdrawing a Handicap Index

A player's Handicap Index should be withdrawn if they deliberately or repeatedly fail to comply with their responsibilities under the Rules of Handicapping

- A player must be notified of the period of Handicap Index withdrawal
- The withdrawal of a player's Handicap Index should be applied only after the player has been informed and has had an opportunity to respond
- This process will be handled by the Handicap Committee and escalated to Wales Golf if necessary.



Reinstating a Handicap Index

Reinstatement of a player's Handicap Index will be required when a player's Handicap Index has been withdrawn for a period of time, after which it will become eligible to be reinstated.

2020 Calendar

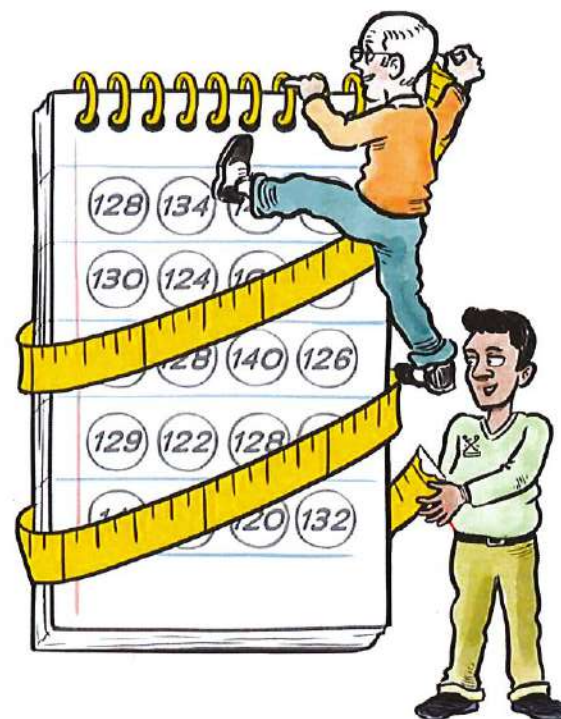
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Considerations When Reinstating a Handicap Index

To determine the level of Handicap Index at which the player is to be reinstated, the Handicap Committee may wish to consider:

- Reinstating the Handicap Index at a level that the Handicap Committee feels is currently reflective of the player's demonstrated ability,
- Applying the handicap allocation procedure as if the player were new to the sport, or
- Reinstating the last recorded Handicap Index.

Monitor!!



Competition Committee

The Committee in charge of a competition may set eligibility conditions within their Terms of the Competition.

For example:

- A maximum Handicap Index limit for entry.

A Committee may also set the Playing Handicap for a player:

- If it has not been updated since the last round was played, or
- If there is evidence to suggest that the Handicap Index does not reflect their ability



Terms of Competition

Where a player is required to compete with a Playing Handicap not calculated directly from their current Handicap Index – that Playing Handicap is only relevant for competition purposes.

The idea of a 'C' status handicap will disappear.



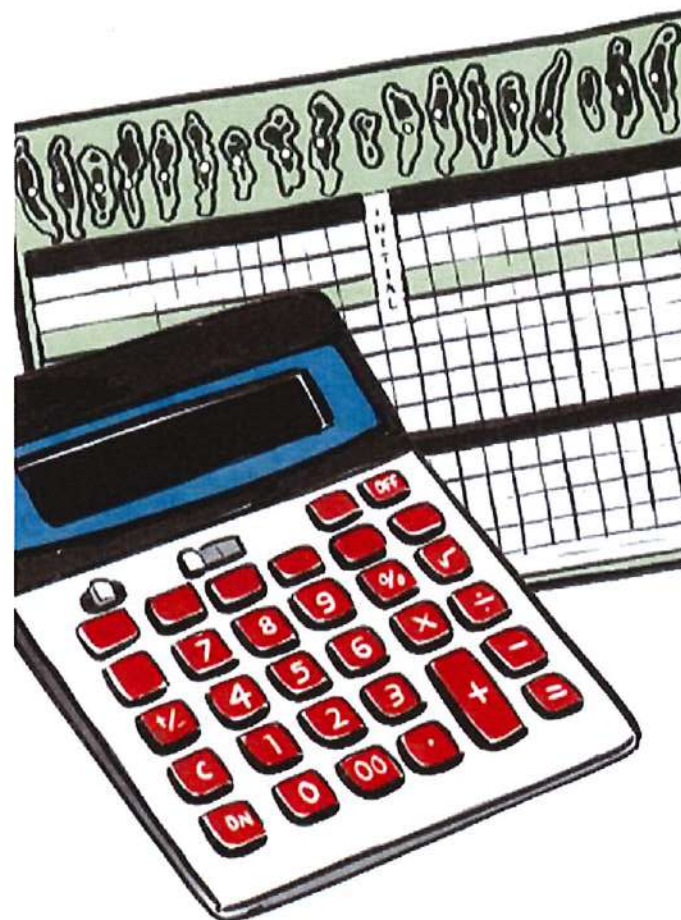
Multi-round Competitions

For competitions played on the same day or consecutive days, it is strongly recommended that the Handicap Index used at the start of the competition is used for the duration of the event.

This is for ease of competition administration purposes.

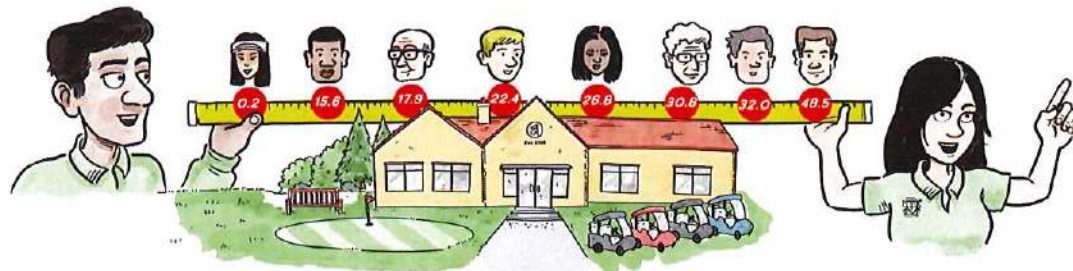
This should be stated clearly in the Terms of the Competition.

Scores should still be posted by the end of each day.



Impact on Committees?

- Ensuring scores are submitted promptly after round or by end of day
- Processing scores as soon as possible after the end of the day
- Conducting Handicap Reviews
- Establishing Terms of Competition with information about Handicap Index to use
- Acting as Home Club or collaborating with a player's Home Club
- Understanding rights and responsibilities



Rules of Handicapping



Rules of Handicapping

Generally follows the same style and layout as the Rules of Golf (same family)

Principle of the Rule, Body of the Rule (including diagrams), Interpretations.

RULE 2 Scores Acceptable for Handicap Purposes

Principle Statement:

Rule 2 covers the conditions a score must satisfy for it to be acceptable for handicap purposes. The scores a player submits are at the core of the calculation of a player's Handicap Index and must provide reasonable evidence of a player's ability. Based on this principle, the round must be played:

- In an authorized format of play.
- By the Rules of Golf.
- During an active season, on a golf course with a current Course Rating and Slope Rating.
- Over a minimum number of holes.

2.1 Acceptability of Scores

A score is acceptable for handicap purposes if the round has been played:

- In an *authorized format of play* (See Rule 2.1a) over at least the minimum number of holes required for either a 9-hole or an 18-hole score to be acceptable (see Rule 2.2).
- In the company of at least one other person, who may also act as a marker, by the *Rules of Golf* and the 'Modified Rules of Golf for Players with Disabilities' (see Rule 2.1b).

