

Gentlemen,

As we return to play golf we thought we would put together a simple guide around your handicap and how this handicap is then implemented when you play in a competition.

Handicap Index – Some Background

The new World Handicap System is now in operation you have three handicap definitions associated with handicap. Please keep this email for future reference as it explains how they are all used for competition golf.

You get your **Handicap Index** from Golfireland. (If you have not done so yet you should sign up at <https://www.golfireland.ie/signup>). We would encourage all members to register and monitor their handicap via the Golf Ireland platform. Golf Ireland is where your master Handicap Index is managed and maintained. Should you have any further queries about your Handicap Index please contact a member of the Handicap Committee via email with you query at whsinfo@balbriggangolfclub.com

Your **Handicap Index** is updated every day when qualifying competitions are running and this is processed and managed automatically via the Golf Ireland platform.

When you go to play golf

Please enter the competition as normal in the Pro Shop and a label will print with your Handicap Index. ***You will need to also write the Course Handicap on the scorecard before you play.*** We have contacted our software supplier (ClubV1) and they are currently working on a solution for all clubs that will allow both the Handicap Index and Course Handicap to be printed on the label.

This **Handicap Index** is converted to your **Course Handicap** depending on the set of tees you are going to play off (Blue, White or Yellow). Please do review the Course Handicap Table to familiarize yourself with your Course Handicap <https://www.balbriggangolfclub.com/course-handicap-table/>

This **Course Handicap** is converted to your **Playing Handicap** depending on the format of the game you are playing. For **Singles** competition format you're playing handicap is **95%** of your course handicap. This is in line with the WHS rules.

95% Handicap Allowance Table for Singles Competition

- Course Handicap **1 to 10 no change** to Playing Handicap
- Course Handicap **11 to 30** reduce Playing Handicap by **1**
- Course Handicap **31 to 50** reduce Playing Handicap by **2**
- Course Handicap **51 to 60** reduce Playing Handicap by **3**

Example of Handicap Calculation

- Player has a **Handicap Index** of 23.3
- From the table for **White** tees at Balbriggan Golf Club (see link above) the player gets a **Course Handicap** of 26.
- In a **Singles Stableford** competition the player gets a **Playing Handicap** that is 95% of 26 (reduce by 1) = 25.
- So the player will play Singles Stableford off the Whites tees in Balbriggan Golf Club with **Course Handicap of 26** (for handicap purposes – important in qualifying) but with a **Playing Handicap of 25** for the competition of the day.
- Course Handicap Tables can be found at the following locations
 - On the notice boards in the clubhouse (locker rooms)
 - In the glass notice board outside the Pro Shop
 - On the Balbriggan Golf Club website
<https://www.balbriggangolfclub.com/course-handicap-table/>
 - Nigel and the team in the Pro Shop also have visibility

Returning your Score

- When returning your score the software will automatically apply the **Playing Handicap** reduction to the Course Handicap when generating your score for the competition of the day

Just to recap on the key points

- Label will print with **Handicap Index** when you sign in to the competition
We hope that this will automatically include the Course Handicap soon
- Please write the **Course Handicap** on the scorecard based on the set of tees you are playing
- You can also write the **Playing Handicap** on the scorecard
- Return your score as normal and the software auto calculate the score for the competition of the day

Enjoy your golf and stay safe

Competition Committee