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WHS - Quick Information Guide (March 2021)

As we return to play golf, we have updated our simple WHS guide around your Handicap Index and how this handicap Index is then implemented when you play in a competition. This is just a summary reminder of the key information that we shared with all members back in November 2020.

Handicap Index – Some Background

The new World Handicap System is now in operation and you have three handicap definitions associated with your Handicap Index. Please keep this document for future reference, as it explains how they are all used for competition golf. This information will also be available on the Club Website and on the notice board in the locker rooms.

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.

Golf Ireland are also due to publish an App on both the 'Google Play Store' and 'Apple App Store' soon.

When you go to play golf

Please enter the competition as normal in the Pro Shop and a label will print with your **Course Handicap** and **Playing Handicap**. *We would encourage all players to also write their Handicap Index on the scorecard before you play – this will help the competition committee when validating returned scores.*

Your **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/>

Your **Course Handicap** is then 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 (see below for further playing handicap information).

95% Handicap Allowance Table for Individual Strokeplay Competition (simple guide)

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

Example of Handicap Calculation (Individual Strokeplay)

- 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

PLAYING HANDICAP: ALLOWANCES TABLE

Format of Play	Type of Round	Handicap Allowance
Strokeplay	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Fourball	85%
	Fourball Stableford	85%
	Fourball Par/Bogey	90%
	Foursomes	50% of the combined total of the course handicaps of both players
Matchplay	Individual	100%
	Fourball	90%
	Foursomes	50% of the combined total of the course handicaps of both players

Fourball Handicap Calculation Matchplay

Previously, the lowest player would have assumed a scratch handicap and the higher-handicapped players would have received 90% of the shot difference between their handicaps and his/hers.

Under WHS, all players in the match will individually calculate a course handicap and a playing handicap (90% of the course handicap) and then the higher handicapped players will take their full difference in playing handicap from the low player.

Foursome Handicap Calculation Matchplay

Previously, both pairs would have added their handicaps together and shots would be given or received based on half the difference between the two handicaps.

Under WHS, both pairs will calculate their pair's playing handicap (50% of the combined total of the course handicaps of both players). The full difference between the playing handicaps of each pair will determine the number of shots given/received

18 Hole - Course Handicap Calculation

$CH = (\text{Handicap Index}) \times \text{Slope Rating} / 113$

9 Hole (Front and Back) - Course Handicap Calculation

Calculation of the Course Handicap for 9 holes is slightly different than calculating 18 hole

$CH = ((HI \div 2) \times (9\text{-hole Slope} \div 113)) + (9\text{-hole CR} - 9\text{-hole Par})$

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 the **Course Handicap & Playing Handicap**
It is the players responsibility to ensure that the correct handicap is on the their scorecard
- If no label print is in play, please write the **Course Handicap** on the scorecard based on the set of tees you are playing
- We request that players also record their **Handicap Index** and **Playing Handicap** to facilitate the validation of both
- Return your score as normal and the software will automatically calculate the score for the competition of the day
- *For the purpose of your WHS Handicap Index calculation (best 8 of last 20 scores), this is based upon your Course Handicap for the score returned (not your playing handicap)*

Enjoy your golf and stay safe
Competition & Handicap Committee