



### **Terminology to know for WHS and Scottish Golf App**

**Blue paragraphs are for information only, giving examples of calculations that are automatically worked out by the system and on the App**

#### **Handicap Index (HI)**

your exact Handicap Index which should always be up to date. Can be shown on the SG App or online.

HI=average of your best 8 scores from your last 20 submitted scores.

If you do not have 20 scores in the previous 365 days (from date of your last inputted score) see the Handicap Index Calculation Table (Appendix 1)

#### **Slope Rating (SR)**

Official Rating of the courses

Lochend Gents White = 111

Lochend Ladies Red = 118

All three tees have been Rated for ladies and gents (see Course Handicap tables on display at starter and in club).

Club medals will continue to use the usual Gents/White and Ladies/Red tees. In some other formats there will be the option to choose your tees (and relevant ratings/allowances).

#### **Slope Rating 113**

A course with a standard relative difficulty has a Slope Rating of 113, against which all ratings are compared to work out the Course Handicap.

#### **Course Handicap (CH)**

The handicap you should be playing on a particular course. All courses have a Course Handicap table displayed, you can simply look up the Handicap Index on the table to see what CH you should be playing (i.e. a man with a HI of 14.7, playing the white tees will show a CH of 14 on the CH table)

Example of how this is worked out .....

CH=HI x (SR/113) so a gent with HI of 14.7 playing off the white tee's will be

14.7 x (111/113)

14.7 x (0.982)

14.4

His CH will be 14

All members MUST look up the handicap Index on the table before playing a competition to make sure they play off the correct Course handicap.

### **Handicap Allowance (HA)**

The percentage of a Course Handicap recommended to create equity for all players participating in a specific format of play, in order to calculate your Playing Handicap for that competition.

This will be automatically calculated on the system depending on the competition format.

See Handicap Allowance Table (Appendix 2)

### **Playing Handicap (PH)**

The playing handicap is your Course Handicap x Handicap Allowance for the specific competition/format. This will be automatically calculated on the system.

So the gent who had his CH of 14 playing in a Strokeplay comp will get 95% of his CH.

Example of how this is worked out .....

$PH = CH \times 95\%$

$14 \times 95\%$

13.3

His PH for that comp on that day will be 13

### **General Play**

Members wishing to submit a General Play round must Pre-Register an intention to play via SG App or direct onto the system.

There is a General Play Button on the App which allows you to enter intention to play (it is available once you are in the vicinity of the course you are about to submit the GP card).

### **Handicap Categories**

“Under WHS, there will be no handicap categories or buffer zones. It will be up to clubs to decide on handicap limits for competitions and handicap categories to provide an opportunity for all handicap levels to play competitively”

It is intended that Lochend GC club sections will remain as is (Gents ABC and Ladies Silver/Bronze)

### **Useful links**

[INTRODUCTION TO WHS](#)

[SG FAQ](#)

(Appendix 1)

Handicap Index Calculation Table

If you do not have twenty scores in the previous 365 days. HI is calculated as follows

Number of score differentials in scoring record	Score differential(s) to be used in calculation of Handicap Index	Adjustment
3	Lowest 1	-2.0
4	Lowest 1	-1.0
5	Lowest 1	0
6	Average of lowest 2	-1.0
7 or 8	Average of lowest 2	0
9 to 11	Average of lowest 3	0
12 to 14	Average of lowest 4	0
15 or 16	Average of lowest 5	0
17 or 18	Average of lowest 6	0
19	Average of lowest 7	0
20	Average of lowest 8	0

(Appendix 2)

Handicap Allowance Table for various formats of play.

Formats of Play	Mandatory Handicap Allowance	Formats of Play	Mandatory Handicap Allowance
Individual stroke play	95%	Best 1 of 4 stroke play	75%
Individual stableford	95%	Best 2 of 4 stroke play	85%
Individual par / bogey	95%	Best 3 of 4 stroke play	100%
Individual Maximum Score	95%	All 4 of 4 stroke play	100%
Four-ball stroke play	85%	Scramble (4 players)	25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap
Four-ball stableford	85%	Scramble (2 players)	35% Low / 15% High
Four-ball par / bogey	90%	Total score of 2 match play	100%
Individual match play	100%	Best 1 of 4 par / bogey	75%
Four-ball match play	90%	Best 2 of 4 par / bogey	80%
Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap	Best 3 of 4 par / bogey	90%
Greensomes	60% Low handicap + 40% high handicap	4 of 4 par / bogey	100%
Pinehurst/Chapman	60% Low handicap + 40% high handicap		