



WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM



**UK & Ireland from
2 November 2020**

Agenda - Ulster Clubs – Zoom Call October 2020

1. Transition to WHS

Current Position

Handicapping for Members & Clubs

Course Ratings + Handicap Index

Acceptable Score + Inter-Club Competitions

2. Club Scorecard

3. Types + Terms of Competition + Responsibilities

4. Annual Handicap Review

5. Overseas Membership

6. Questions to Nick Agate / Roma English



I. TRANSITION TO WHS

Current

Club Software

Club Systems, Genesys Technologies, HandicapMaster, SmartGolf Systems, Intelligent Golf etc

Golfnet

www.golfnet.ie Club + Member Login

Membership card data-base and copy of handicap register, held at club level. www.golfnet.ie

New

Club Software

Existing providers (see above) + DotGolf, Golf Genius, Golfbox, Nexxchange & OCS

Golf Ireland Website at golfireland.ie

Member Log-In – Online or via App (from early 2021)

Golf Ireland Clubhouse Club Login at clubhouse.golfireland.ie

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HANDICAPPING

MEMBERS

View their updated handicap index and full record only through www.golfireland.ie

Need to re-register online, using existing 8 digit number + current pin on card. Pin available through existing Club/Individual Login to Golfnet

Dual + Change in Home Club

Request change to proposed Home Club – to be confirmed by club, old club advised – essential part of moving clubs

Will require new number/card when changing clubs – ordered by new club

Will be able to view provisional handicap index during week commencing **26 October 2020**

Members can view all other Member Handicaps for Peer Review purposes

Old Handicap Records will be retained on Golfnet



CLUBS

Login to Golf Ireland Clubhouse at clubhouse.golfireland.ie

Clubs will have access to Provisional Handicap Indexes of their members during week commencing **19 October**

Creation & View Member Information

Handicap Index Allocation

General Play Adjustments – previous adjustments lost - Club Committee to review

Add Manual Scores to Player's Record

Creation of Open Competitions

Update Club Information

Order Golf Ireland Cards

Handicap Reports

View Course Information only



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COURSE & SLOPE RATINGS

All Clubs have all had their Teeing positions rated in accordance with the WHS (prev USGA) Course Rating System

Clubs should now have Certificate showing Course & Slope Ratings + Course Handicap Table

Clubs can check this information at <http://ncrdb.usga.org/> - select Ireland or Northern Ireland + enter Club name

Golf Ireland will have a 10 year programme in place to revisit every course in Ireland to re-rate their course.

In the meantime Clubs **MUST** advise Golf Ireland on any changes to their course, which may change these ratings

Par can be calculated and shown on the USGA Site and Certificates differently to that used by the Club – to be checked by the club in the Clubhouse, which has been set up by the GUI/ILGU using club scorecard.



HANDICAP INDEX

Second Transfer of Data from Golfnet – being processed

Calculation of Player Handicap Index checked following initial download – system similar to New Zealand Golf

Final Download to occur at end of October – prior to launch

Index based on best 8 out of last 20 scores + Exceptional Scores (as defined by new scheme)

Formulas to deal with players who have less than 20 scores including those with none

Clubs will have access to CONGU to WHS variation report – will assist with review prior to launch



Club Handicapping Record for Kevin Stevens

SCORE LISTING FOR KEVIN STEVENS (12990???)

Active

[Kevin Stevens's details](#)

[Print Handicap Certificate](#)

Member Of:

Rockmount Golf Club

Handicap Index:

14.2

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19 scores found:



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	ENTERED	PLAYED	COURSE	MARKER	SLOPE	ADJ GROSS	COURSE RATING	HDCP DIFF	PCC	HDCP INDEX	ENTERED BY
1	07/09/2020	05/09/2020	Rockmount	White	120	89	71.5	16.5	0	13.8	Rockmount
2	21/08/2020	18/07/2020	Rockmount	White	120	87	71.5	14.6	0	14.1	Rockmount
3	21/08/2020	04/07/2020	Rockmount	White	120	84	71.5	11.8	0	14.6	Rockmount
4	01/07/2020	27/06/2020	Rockmount	White	120	89	71.5	16.5	0	14.6	Rockmount
5	24/06/2020	13/06/2020	Rockmount	White	120	93	71.5	20.2	0	14.1	Rockmount
6	21/09/2019	21/09/2019	Rockmount	White	120	87	71.5	14.6	0	14.6	Rockmount
7	24/08/2019	24/08/2019	Rockmount	White	120	91	71.5	18.4	0	14.6	Rockmount
8	21/08/2019	04/08/2019	Rockmount	White	120	86	71.5	13.7	0	14.9	Rockmount
9	21/08/2019	03/08/2019	Rockmount	White	120	90	71.5	17.4	0	14.9	Rockmount
10	21/08/2019	06/07/2019	Rockmount	White	120	90	71.5	17.4	0	14.9	Rockmount
11	05/06/2019	01/06/2019	Lough Erne-Faldo	White	117	86	69.9	15.5	0	14.6	Lough Erne
12	25/05/2019	25/05/2019	Rockmount	White	120	89	71.5	16.5	0	15.1	Rockmount
13	02/03/2019	29/09/2018	Rockmount	White	120	90	71.5	17.4	0	14.8	Rockmount
14	02/03/2019	04/08/2018	Rockmount	White	120	85	71.5	12.7	0	18.8	Rockmount
15	02/03/2019	28/07/2018	Lough Erne-Faldo	White	117	90	69.9	19.4	0	17.8	Lough Erne
16	02/03/2019	07/07/2018	Rockmount	White	120	93	71.5	20.2	0	16.8	Rockmount
17	02/03/2019	09/06/2018	Rockmount	White	120	92	71.5	19.3	0	Pending	Rockmount
18	02/03/2019	26/05/2018	Rockmount	White	120	96	71.5	23.1	0	Pending	Rockmount
19	02/03/2019	21/04/2018	Roganstown	Yellow	124	92	71.4	18.8	0	Pending	Roganstown



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ACCEPTABLE SCORE COMPETITIONS

Run by Affiliated Clubs on Software at Club Level

Software to Update WHS Platform with Handicapping Data only at 12 midnight or thereabouts

Club Results produced separately by Committee – held on Club System

Member access to computer terminal may be required at all times



INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS

The GUI & ILGU are examining the new Handicap Indexes & Course Handicaps that have been provisionally allocated to players across the country

No Final Decisions have been taken regarding the Eligibility for particular competitions

Likely to be based on Handicap Index on a specific date, no minimum number of rounds in the previous year & no shots given.

The format of each competition is likely to be Home/Away, in similar vein to the GUI & ILGU Competition

National Finals to be run jointly at 4 venues across the country – COVID19 permitting

Club Entries, no earlier than January 2021



2. CLUB SCORECARD

Sample Layout



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NAME OF GOLF CLUB							
Date:				Competition:			
Tees Played (Please tick)					Handicap Index	Course Handicap	Handicap Allowance
Player A:							
Player B:							
Player C:							
Player D:							

Marker Score	No.	Yards Blue	Yards White	Yards RED	Par	Index	A	B	C	D	Index	Par	Yards White	Yards Red
	1													
	2													
	3													
	4													
	Out													
PLEASE AVOID SLOW PLAY														
*FAIRWAY DISTANCE MARKERS ARE IN YARDS TO CENTRE OF GREEN														
	10													
	11													
	12													
	13													
	In													
	Out													
	Total													
						Handicap								
						Nett					Stableford Points/v Par			

3. ORGANISED COMPETITIONS

Two different categories of committees which organise golf competitions:

1. Affiliated Clubs

Obligated to run Acceptable Score Competitions in accordance with the World Handicapping System - Rules of Handicapping.

Committee Responsibility to ensure that all scores are returned from competitions played in an authorised format over 18 & 9 holes

2. Unaffiliated committees, such as Alliances, Societies, etc.

Not necessarily bound by World Handicapping System Rules but, subject to compliance with Rule 2 of the **WHS** Rules of Handicapping,

Golfers playing in such competitions have the right and are expected to return General Play scores from these competitions for handicap purposes, having pre-registered their intention to play.



3. TERMS OF COMPETITION +

HANDICAP SECRETARIES RESPONSIBILITIES

Eligibility should now read “ Members holding a **handicap Index** are eligible to compete in club competitions”

Qualifying competitions are now replaced by “**Acceptable score competitions**”

Supplementary scores are now **General Play**

CSS is replaced with **PCC**

Committee in charge of the competition may set a limit such as a Handicap Index limit for entry to a competition or a Playing Handicap Limit.(Rule 7.2a) - A player’s full unrestricted handicap must always be used for handicap adjustment.

Handicap Secretaries must ensure that their playing members are aware of their responsibilities - see Appendix A



4. ANNUAL HANDICAP REVIEW

Club Committees are asked to run the CONGU Annual Handicap Review report before the end of October 2020 and save in pdf format.

This will then assist with the review of the transition WHS Handicap Index for all members and the Annual Handicap Review to be carried out before the 1st February 2021.

Further guidance on the review of WHS Transition Handicap Indices will be issued to assist clubs with this task.



5. MEMBERSHIP OF GOLF CLUBS IN DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS

Currently there is no automatic transfer of scores between different jurisdictions therefore members with dual membership in clubs outside GB&I may initially hold two Handicap Indices.

Clubs should make their members with dual membership aware of the requirements set out in the WHS guideline GI.4B/3.

It is also important that members who may be representing their country in overseas championships or if playing in acceptable format competitions when on holiday, return their scores as soon as possible to their home club to ensure their handicap is updated.



6. QUESTIONS to NICK AGATE

1. Operation of the Hard & Soft cap + operation in 54 hole competition
2. Matchplay Handicap Allowance
3. Singles Handicap Allowance
4. Slope rating and how it affects your handicap
5. Will golfers get more than one shot a year back or will they receive more.
6. Will handicaps fluctuate from week to week
7. Will some individuals have a big change to their existing handicap?
8. Impact of the changes on number of members playing in Club Competitions
9. Will there be any additional power for clubs to adjust individual handicaps upwards without permission
10. Will the Annual review take place? And what is the maximum increase or decrease to a player's handicap?



6. QUESTIONS to ROMA ENGLISH

1. Are cards processed and verified by the handicap committee after each days play
2. General requirement re cards that will be used to ascertain handicaps + Handicap Index calculation
3. How does it work for casual golfers / people who do not enter competitions but still need a handicap
4. How the calculation is done if less than 2 qualifying cards submitted.
5. General Play Rule
6. Potential issues with No Returns
7. What control is there on members deciding to put scores in for handicap when playing casual golf?



7. FINAL QUESTIONS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS

Questions from Club Handicap Secretaries only, submitted by return email will be answered by representatives from Golf Ireland

Questions from Club members will always be directed back to their Club in the first instance – like now

Thank you for your participation

