



World Handicap System

Scottish Golf Zoom Panel Call – Thursday 8th October



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Purpose



The World Handicap System has three main objectives:

- to encourage as many golfers as possible to obtain and maintain a handicap.
- to enable golfers of differing abilities, genders and nationalities to take their handicap to any course in the world and compete on a fair basis.
- to indicate with sufficient accuracy the score a golfer is reasonably capable of achieving on any course around the world, playing under normal conditions.

We are confident that the Rules of Handicapping meet these objectives, that golfers will find them to be inclusive and fair and that handicap administrators will find them to be a modern, adaptable code that can be consistently applied.

Why change to WHS



- Current system is based on a player's potential ability and does not provide portability while traveling from course to course or equity during competitive play.
- Six different systems in place today – each calculates differently creating different handicaps.
- Golf already has a unified set of playing Rules, one set of Equipment Rules and one code for Amateur Status.
- The time is right to introduce a unified handicap system!

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Benefits of WHS



- **Inclusive** – makes it as easy as possible for golfers to obtain and maintain a handicap.
- **Portable** – allows golfers to use their Handicap Index on any course around the world.
- **Consistent** – allows golfers around the world to compete or play recreationally on a fair and equal basis.
- **Modern & Adaptable** – real time updates of your handicap and accommodating of local cultures i.e. won't change the way golf is played in Scotland.
- **Fair** - measures and stores a golfer's demonstrated ability and reflects current form (instead of potential ability).

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Key features

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PLAYER NAME

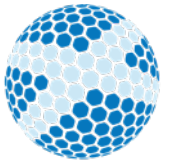
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COURSE RATING	SLOPE RATING	ADJ GROSS	SCORE DIFF
70.9	127	89	15.7
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70.9	127	80	8.0
70.9	127	72	1.0
70.9	127	75	3.6
70.9	127	77	5.4
70.9	127	79	7.2
70.9	127	75	3.6
70.9	127	68	-2.0
70.9	127	78	6.3
70.9	127	72	1.0
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70.9	127	76	4.6
70.9	127	82	9.9
70.9	127	76	4.5
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70.9	127	88	15.2

Handicap Index

David Kernohan – 1.7

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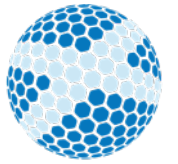
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ADAM PHILLIPS

COURSE RATING	SLOPE RATING	ADJ GROSS	SCORE DIFF
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72.5	130	95	19.6
72.5	130	82	8.3
72.5	130	91	16.1
72.5	130	89	14.3
72.5	130	91	16.1
72.5	130	92	17.0
72.5	130	101	24.8
72.5	130	87	12.6
72.5	130	94	18.7
72.5	130	93	17.8
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Adam Phillips – 12.0



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Course handicap



- A Course Handicap will determine the number of strokes a player will receive when playing from any set of tees on a given course.
- Before a player starts their round, they must convert their Handicap Index into a Course Handicap. This is the handicap a player must put on their card and used for the round of golf being played.

$$\text{Handicap Index} \times (\text{Slope Rating} \div 113)$$

Stirling Golf Club (White Tees)	Handicap Index	Slope	Course Handicap
Adam	12	127	13.5 (14)
David	1.7	127	1.9 (2)
Kilspindie Golf Club (White Tees)	Handicap Index	Slope	Course Handicap
Adam	12	108	11.4 (11)
David	1.8	108	1.6 (2)

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Stirling



Course Rating™: 70.9
Slope Rating®: 127 - Par: 72

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Men's - Yellow 2016

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Men's - Men Red 2016

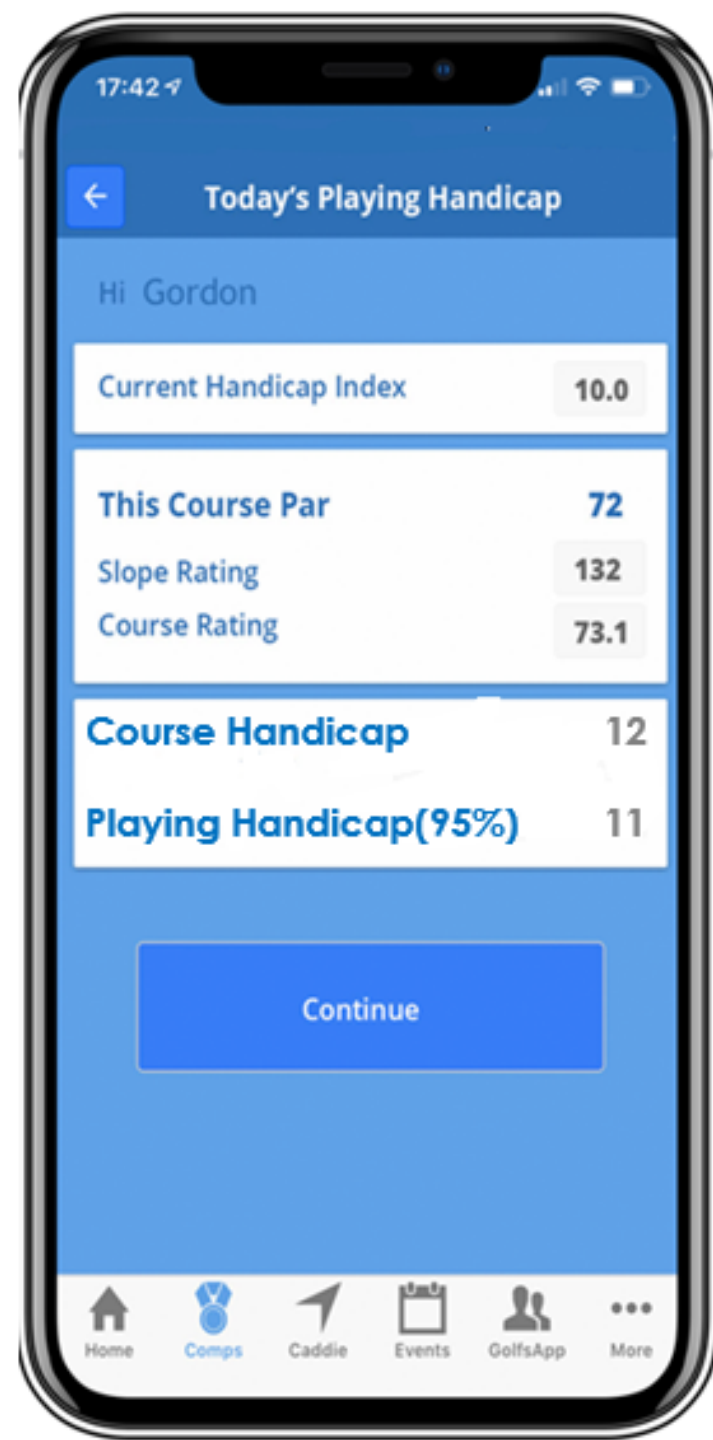
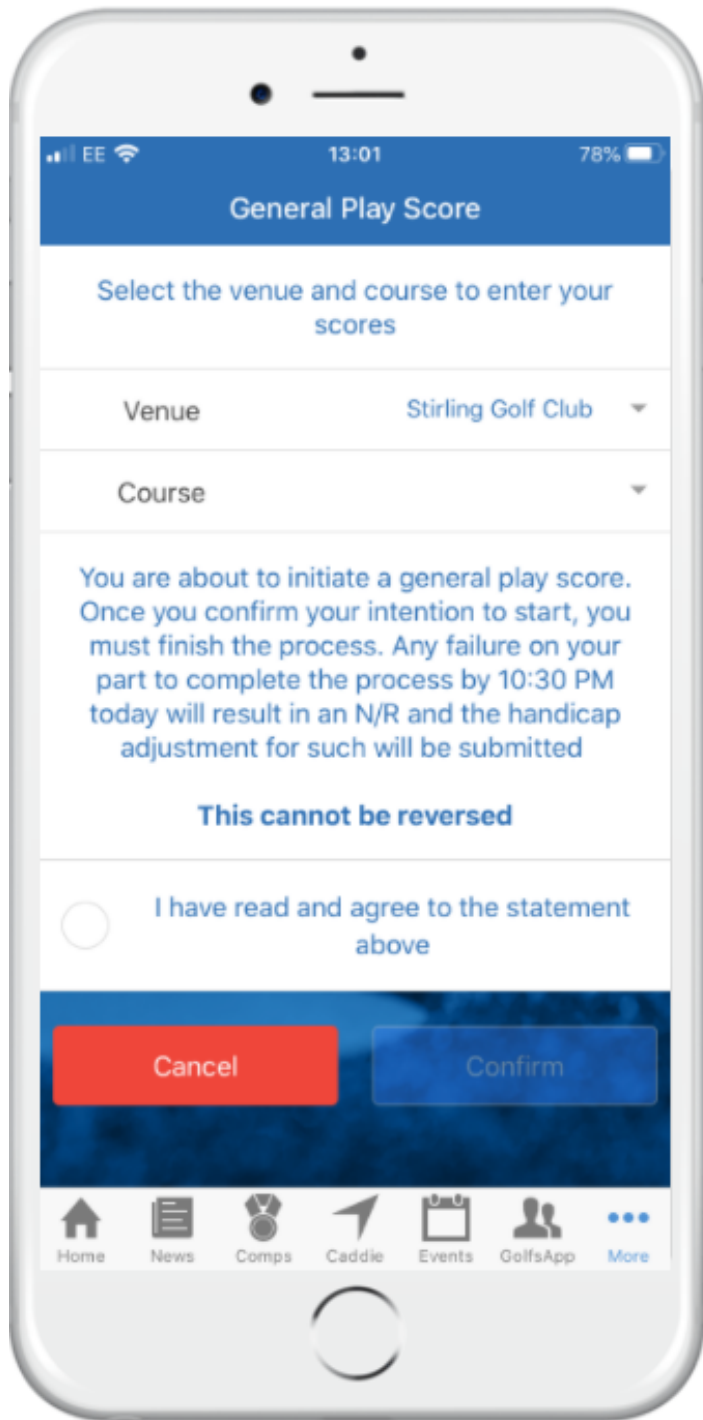
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Stirling



Course Rating™: 74.2
Slope Rating®: 129 - Par: 74

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Playing Handicap



- Playing Handicap is the stroke allowance that a player will receive when playing in a competition. It provides equity for the competition and ensures all golfers compete on a fair and equal basis.
- It is only used for competition purposes; Golfers do not need to calculate it (it will be generated before their round usually by the software being used by the golf club or competition provider).
- Remember the course handicap is what golfers must use in their competitive rounds!

Playing Handicap

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Course Handicap

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Handicap Allowance

Playing Handicap	Strokeplay Stirling GC	Course Handicap	Playing Allowance	Playing Handicap
Adam		13.4867257	95%	12.8 (13)
David		1.91061947	95%	1.8 (2)

Acceptable Scores



- 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. No winter handicap solution.
- Certified in accordance with Rules of Handicapping.
- Pre-registration is a requirement for all scores.

Safeguards



Low Handicap index

The lowest Handicap Index achieved by a player during the 12-month period preceding the most recent score on their scoring record

CAP

A Soft Cap and Hard Cap limit any extreme upward movement of a players Handicap Index within a 365-day period.

Caps only start to take effect once a player has 20 acceptable scores in their record.

Exceptional Score Reduction(ESR)

A score differential which is at least 7.0 strokes or more better than the player's Handicap Index at the time the round was played. Directly to a players handicap record automatically

Playing Conditions Calculation



- The PCC assesses whether playing conditions on the day were 'normal' or significantly harder or easier than normal.
- Like the current CSS but considers all scores submitted on the day on a particular course.
- Applied directly to a players scoring record
- ranges from -1 to +3

Summary



- Basic calculation of best 8 of last 20 scores
- Slope Rating adjustment to Course & Playing Handicap
- Cap mechanism – restricting upward movement
- PCC – robust, but conservative mechanism
- Exceptional score leads to immediate reduction; can be triggered by one score
- Net double bogey – maximum hole score for handicap purposes
- Go out and play and submit your score!

Q&A

David Kernohan and Adam Phillips



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