



BALLINAMORE GOLF CLUB

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WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM (WHS)

The World Handicap System includes the Rules of Handicapping and the Course Rating System.

Its purpose is to enable as many golfers as possible the opportunity to:

- Obtain and maintain a Handicap Index.
- Use their Handicap Index on any golf course around the world.
- Compete with anyone else on a fair and equal basis.

The World Handicap System has been designed to consider fairness for all players within its key features.



WHAT HAS CHANGED?

- You will have a **Handicap Index** instead of an exact Handicap.
- It is an averaging calculation based on the best **8 out of your last 20** scores.
- No 0.1 increases and no handicap categories or buffer zones.
- Handicap Indexes will be recalculated at the end of each day (no longer at close of competition).
- No handicap list posted on notice board.
- Handicap Index is valid worldwide.

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

Handicap Index

A Handicap Index is a number used to represent your potential scoring ability, which is always expressed as a number taken to one decimal place (e.g. 10.4).



Course Handicap

A Course Handicap indicates the number of strokes a player receives from a specific set of tees at the course being played to adjust the player's scoring ability to the level of scratch golf.



Playing Handicap

A Playing Handicap is the actual number of strokes you receive or give during a round and is the number used for the purposes of the game or competition.

HANDICAP INDEX

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

Allocation of an Initial Handicap Index

Based on any additional evidence available about a player's demonstrated ability, a *Handicap Committee* may modify a player's initial *Handicap Index* upward or downward (see Rule 7.1a).

- A **Handicap Index** is calculated from the lowest Score Differentials in the scoring record.
- If a scoring record contains *fewer than 20* Score Differentials, the table across is used to determine the number of Score Differentials to be included in the calculation and any adjustment that may apply.
- To obtain a Handicap Index, 54 holes using 9 hole or 18 hole scores must be completed under the rules of golf with an experienced member of the golf club.

COURSE HANDICAP

- A **Course Handicap** represents the number of strokes needed to play to par for the tees being played.
- Each Golf Club will have a **Course Handicap Table** for each set of playing tees posted on its notice boards/website etc.

Example: a player with a Handicap Index between 13.4 and 14.2 will receive 15 shots off the Men's White tees in Ballinamore GC.



Course Rating 69.2

COURSE HANDICAP TABLE

Ballinamore Golf Club



Men's White (from 18 Apr 2021)

Par 70 Slope 123

Handicap Index	Course Handicap	Handicap Index	Course Handicap
+5.0 to +4.2	+5	29.0 to 29.8	32
+4.1 to +3.3	+4	29.9 to 30.7	33
+3.2 to +2.3	+3	30.8 to 31.6	34
+2.2 to +1.4	+2	31.7 to 32.6	35
+1.3 to +0.5	+1	32.7 to 33.5	36
+0.4 to 0.4	0	33.6 to 34.4	37
0.5 to 1.3	1	34.5 to 35.3	38
1.4 to 2.2	2	35.4 to 36.2	39
2.3 to 3.2	3	36.3 to 37.2	40
3.3 to 4.1	4	37.3 to 38.1	41
4.2 to 5.0	5	38.2 to 39.0	42
5.1 to 5.9	6	39.1 to 39.9	43
6.0 to 6.8	7	40.0 to 40.8	44
6.9 to 7.8	8	40.9 to 41.8	45
7.9 to 8.7	9	41.9 to 42.7	46
8.8 to 9.6	10	42.8 to 43.6	47
9.7 to 10.5	11	43.7 to 44.5	48
10.6 to 11.4	12	44.6 to 45.4	49
11.5 to 12.4	13	45.5 to 46.3	50
12.5 to 13.3	14	46.4 to 47.3	51
13.4 to 14.2	15	47.4 to 48.2	52
14.3 to 15.1	16	48.3 to 49.1	53

PLAYING HANDICAP

- The **Playing Handicap** calculation determines the number of strokes each player gives or receives, to ensure that all players can enjoy a fair and equal game when playing with or competing against one another.
- A **Playing Handicap** is calculated by applying the appropriate handicap allowance (%) to a player's Course Handicap.
- For example, in stroke play format, a player with a Course Handicap of 15, will get an allowance of 95% of 15 which is $14.25 = 14$ shots.
- The handicap software on the club computer will calculate each players Playing Handicap for the particular competition format.

Format of Play	Type of Round	Recommended <i>Handicap Allowance</i>
Stroke play	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Four-Ball	85%
	Four-Ball Stableford	85%
	Four-Ball Par/Bogey	90%
Match Play	Individual	100%
	Four-Ball	90%
Other	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Pinehurst/Chapman	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Best 1 of 4 stroke play	75%
	Best 2 of 4 stroke play	85%
	Best 3 of 4 stroke play	100%
	All 4 of 4 stroke play	100%
	Scramble (4 players)	25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap
	Scramble (2 players)	35% low/15% high
	Total score of 2 match play	100%
	Best 1 of 4 Par/Bogey	75%
	Best 2 of 4 Par/Bogey	80%
	Best 3 of 4 Par/Bogey	90%
	4 of 4 Par/Bogey	100%

REGISTRATION – PRIOR TO PLAY

- A player can now play a casual round of golf for handicap purposes.
- Players are required to pre-register (using the handicap software) their intent to submit a score in general play for handicap purposes before going to play. This replaces the old “Supplementary Score” system.
- The player must submit the score from an acceptable playing format, play by the rules of golf and be verified by a playing partner.



NET DOUBLE BOGEY

- The maximum score for each hole played is limited to a **net double bogey**.
- This is equal to Par of the hole + 2 strokes (double bogey) + any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on that hole based on their Course Handicap.

- For example, Jane Smith with a Course Handicap of 16 is entitled to one additional stroke on holes allocated with stroke index 1 through 16 on the scorecard. On the 17th, a par 4 hole, with a Stroke Index of 6, Jane's maximum score would be 4 (par) + 2 (double bogey) + 1 (stroke received) = 7.

Name: *Jane Smith* Handicap: *16* Date: *12/09/20*

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
Par	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	35
Stroke Index	7 ✓	13 ✓	3 ✓	15 ✓	11 ✓	1 ✓	17	5 ✓	9 ✓	
Score	5	5	6	4	5	5	3	5	5	43

✓ = Stroke received

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	TOTAL
Par	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	35	70
Stroke Index	18	12 ✓	4 ✓	14 ✓	8 ✓	2 ✓	16	6 ✓	10 ✓		
Score	3	4	6	4	5	5	3	9	6	45	88

Gross score

Gross hole score

Net double bogey

Adjusted gross score for handicap purposes

86

Par	+	Two Strokes (Double Bogey)	+	Stroke(s) Received	=	Max
4		2		1		7

HOLES REQUIRED FOR A VALID SCORE

- ***If a hole is started but not completed*** in Stableford, v Par or Maximum Score formats, net double bogey will be added to the score for handicap purposes .
- If a hole is **NOT STARTED** for a valid reason net par will be added.

$$\text{Net Par} = \text{Par} + \text{Handicap strokes received}$$

- Blanks/dashes no longer acceptable on Score Cards.
- All 9 holes must be played or started for a 9 hole score to be acceptable for handicap purposes and a minimum of 10 holes must be played or started for an 18 hole score to be acceptable for handicap purposes.
- The reason for the incomplete round needs to be written on the scorecard and verified by a playing partner.

HOLE NOT PLAYED

- If you did not play a hole for a valid reason, you should mark the hole as “not played” (NP).

Valid reasons for not playing a hole include:

- ✓ *Failing light or bad weather*
- ✓ *Player injury or illness*
- ✓ *A hole being declared out of play by the Committee for maintenance or reconstruction purposes*

Invalid reasons for not playing a hole include:

- ✗ *Not playing a hole for the purpose of gaining a scoring advantage (high or low)*

EXCEPTIONAL SCORES

- When an exceptional score is posted to a player's scoring record, the Handicap Index will be reduced in accordance with the following adjustment table:

Number of strokes the <i>Score Differential</i> is lower than a player's <i>Handicap Index</i> in effect when the round was played	<i>Exceptional score</i> reduction
7.0 – 9.9	–1.0
10.0 or more	–2.0

- The Handicap Committee is permitted to override any adjustment for an exceptional score if it considers that the adjustment would result in a player's Handicap Index not being a fair reflection of their demonstrated ability (see Rule 7.1a).

HANDICAP INDEX GOING UP

- Even the best players struggle from time to time - and although form changes, a player's underlying ability does not change rapidly.
- To prevent your Handicap Index from increasing too quickly, every time it is up-dated, the 8 out of 20 calculation is compared to the lowest Handicap Index that you have achieved during the last 365 days.

If the difference is more than 3.0 strokes:

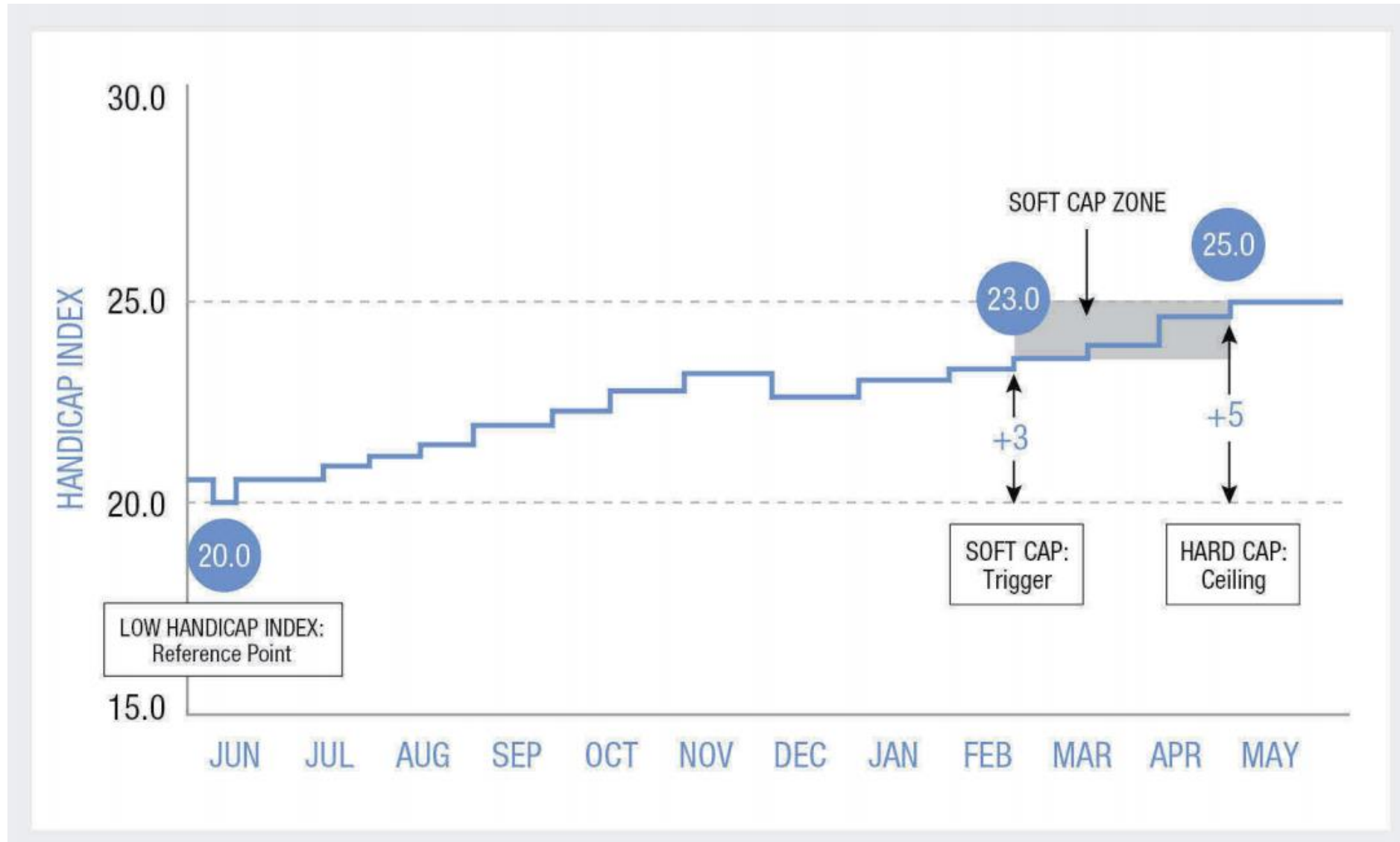
A soft cap will be applied, which slows down the rate of increase.

If the difference is more than 5.0 strokes:

A hard cap will prevent any additional upward movement after the soft cap is applied.

The Handicap Committee may override the cap in exceptional circumstances, such as injury.

SOFT CAP & HARD CAP



PLAYING CONDITIONS CALCULATION (PCC)

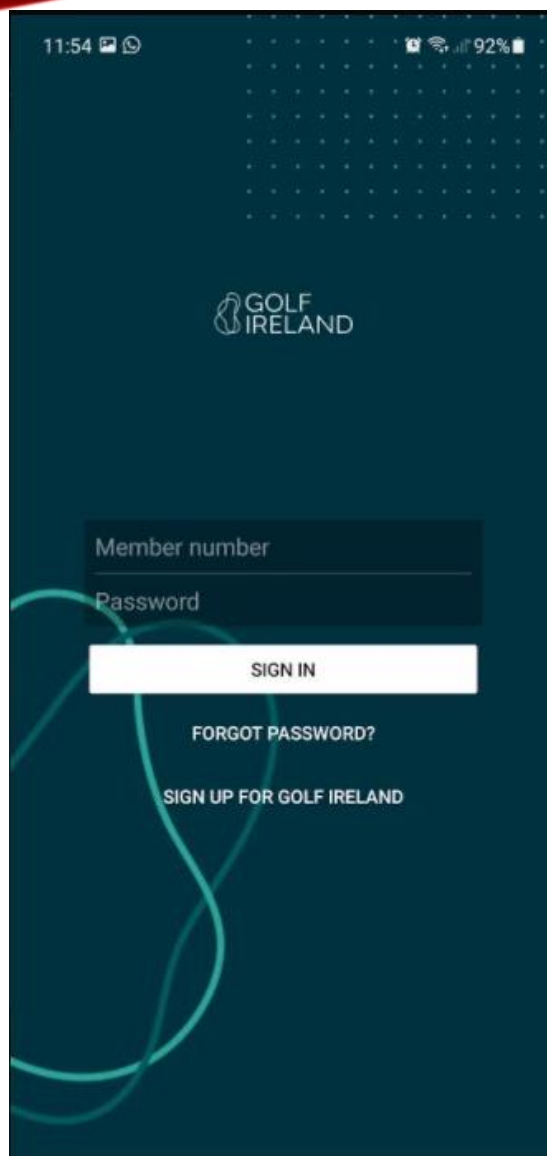
Course Ratings are based on normal playing conditions, but the difficulty of a golf course can vary substantially from day to day, due to:


- ***Course conditions,***
- ***Weather conditions, and/or***
- ***Course set-up.***

The playing conditions calculation (PCC) determines whether playing conditions on the day differed from normal conditions to the extent that an adjustment is needed to compensate.

It is a daily statistical procedure that compares the scores submitted by players on the day against expected scoring patterns.

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Played	Course	Marker	Crse Rating 	Slope 	Adj Gross 	PCC 	Score Diff 	WHS Index 	Course Hdcp 
17/10/2020	Ballinamore	White	69.2	123	77	0	7.2 ●	7.4	8
10/10/2020	Ballinamore	White	69.2	123	115	0	42.1	7.4	8
28/09/2020	Ballinamore	White	69.2	123	114	0	41.2	6.9	8
19/09/2020	Ballinamore	White	69.2	123	77	0	7.2 ●	7.2	8
12/09/2020	Ballinamore	White	69.2	123	80	0	9.9	7.2	8
22/08/2020	Ballinamore	White	69.2	123	83	0	12.7	7.2	8
15/08/2020	Ballinamore	White	69.2	123	81	0	10.8	7.2	8

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