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SCORE

A Quick Guide to the new
WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM



World Handicap System



HANDICAP INDEX

Number that represents a player's ability on a course

THIS IS **YOUR** NUMBER – THAT WILL CHANGE AS YOU COMPLETE ROUNDS AND PUT IN SCORES

Created from the best 8 out of last 20 scores

Calculated by the Score Differential of the best 8 out of last 20 played

SCORE DIFFERENTIAL = (113/SLOPE RATING) x (ADJ. GROSS SCORE – COURSE RATING)

Soft Cap – gives 50% suppression after increase of 3 strokes in 12 months

Hard Cap – restricts upward movement over 5 stroke increase in 12 months

See slide 3 & 4

Example of 8 of 20 Calculation

Date	Score	Course	Course Rating	Slope Rating	Score Differential	
1	72	HB GC	70.1	125	01	18.5
2	70	HB GC	70.1	125	00	19.6
3	71	HB GC	70.1	125	09	25.9
4	70	HB GC	70.1	125	00	18.6
5	73	HB GC	70.1	125	02	18.1
6	72	HB GC	70.1	125	07	13.6
7	71	HB GC	70.1	125	05	14.1
8	70	HB GC	70.1	125	08	15.6
9	72	HB GC	70.1	125	07	14.1
10	71	HB GC	70.1	125	06	14.1
11	70	HB GC	70.1	125	02	10.6
12	71	HB GC	70.1	125	05	11.6
13	70	HB GC	70.1	125	02	10.6
14	71	HB GC	70.1	125	03	11.6
15	70	HB GC	70.1	125	02	10.6
16	71	HB GC	70.1	125	03	11.6
17	70	HB GC	70.1	125	02	10.6
18	71	HB GC	70.1	125	03	11.6
19	70	HB GC	70.1	125	02	10.6
20	71	HB GC	70.1	125	03	11.6

• Adding together the best 8 differentials out of the last 20 = 104.3 / 8 = 13.04

Handicap Index of 13.0

COURSE RATING

Measures how many strokes a **Scratch Player** should take on any course – used to calculate the difficulty of the course

Used in calculating your Handicap Index

Based on course length (elevation, roll, wind & altitude) and obstacles – e.g. trees, fairway width, penalty areas, recoverability from rough and green size – assessed separately for both the Scratch & Bogey player

This assessment has been carried out for:

Stock Brook = 72.1 (W) 70.7 (Y)

Crondon 72.6 & 70.5 (W/Y)

Burstead 70.6 & 69.2 (W/Y)

Boyce Hill 70.2 & 69.1 (W/Y)

BOGEY RATING

Measures how many strokes a **Bogey Golfer** (20 men/24 ladies) should take on any course – used to calculate the difficulty of the course

Based on course length (elevation, roll, wind & altitude) and obstacles – e.g. trees, fairway width, penalty areas, recoverability from rough and green size – assessed separately for both the Scratch & Bogey player

This assessment has been carried out for:

Stock Brook = 94.7 (W) 93.0 (Y)

Crondon 96.0 & 93.5 (W/Y)

Burstead 95.1 & 93.3 (W/Y)

Boyce Hill 94.3 & 92.5 (W/Y)

SLOPE RATING

Number that indicates the relative playing difficulty of a course for Bogey Golfers compared to Scratch Golfers

Calculated by a combination of the Course Rating & Bogey Rating

Bogey Rating – Course Rating x Factor = Slope Rating

Value between 55 & 155

113 is the value where course is equally hard for Scratch & Bogey Golfers

Higher the SR – the more strokes a Bogey Golfer will need to play it

This assessment has been carried out for:

Stock Brook = 122 (W) 120 (Y)

Crondon = 126 & 124 (W/Y)

Burstead = 132 & 130 (W/Y)

Boyce Hill = 130 & 127 (W/Y)

COURSE HANDICAP

The number of strokes a player will receive for a specific set of tees on the golf course being played

Before the game – players must convert their HANDICAP INDEX into a COURSE HANDICAP

HANDICAP INDEX - COURSE HANDICAP – PLAY (HCP)

HANDICAP INDEX x (SLOPE RATING/113) = COURSE HANDICAP (rounded)

This can be looked up tables provided by each club – or via an App

See slide 5

HANDICAP ALLOWANCE

The stroke allowance applied to the COURSE HANDICAP to determine the PLAYING HANDICAP



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PLAYING HANDICAP: ALLOWANCES TABLE

FORMAT OF PLAY	TYPE OF ROUND	RECOMMENDED HANDICAP ALLOWANCE
STROKEPLAY	Individual	95%
	Individual Strokeplay	95%
	Individual Matchplay	95%
	Individual Medley Matchplay	95%
MATCHPLAY	Individual	100%
	Fourball	95%
STROKEPLAY	Fourball	95%
	Fourball Strokeplay	95%
	Fourball Matchplay	95%
	Fourball Medley Matchplay	95%
	Strokeplay (2 players)	100%
	Strokeplay (3 players)	100%
	Strokeplay (4 players)	100%
	Strokeplay (5 players)	100%
	Strokeplay (6 players)	100%
	Strokeplay (7 players)	100%
Strokeplay (8 players)	100%	



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Individual Strokeplay = 95%

Texas Scramble = 25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap

See slide 6

PLAYING HANDICAP

Represents the number of strokes a player will receive when playing with or against other players in a **competition round** – dependent on the format of play

For competition purposes only

Different allowances for all competition formats

COURSE HANDICAP x HANDICAP ALLOWANCE = PLAYING HANDICAP

HANDICAP INDEX ➡ SLOPE RATING ➡ COURSE HANDICAP ➡ HANDICAP ALLOWANCE ➡ PLAYING HANDICAP

(Used for non-competition play)

(Used for competition play)

Score Differential

Example of 8 of 20 Calculation

Score No.	Date Played	Course	Course Rating	Slope Rating	Adjusted Gross Score	Score Differential
1	22/9/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	91	18.5
2	5/9/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	92	19.4
3	1/9/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	99	25.8
4	28/8/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	89	16.7
5	23/8/20	River GC	71.3	127	92	18.4
6	26/7/20	Meadow GC	72.2	131	87	12.8
7	14/7/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	97	24.0
8	4/7/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	88	15.8
9	19/6/20	River GC	71.3	127	87	13.5
10	16/6/20	Valley GC	69.9	118	95	24.0
11	12/6/20	Forest GC	70.1	115	86	15.6
12	5/6/20	Meadow GC	72.2	131	85	11.0
13	2/6/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	82	10.4
14	30/5/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	94	21.2
15	25/5/20	Valley GC	69.9	118	89	18.3
16	22/5/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	97	24.0
17	29/4/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	85	13.1
18	14/4/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	93	20.3
19	10/4/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	94	21.2
20	3/4/20	Meadow GC	72.2	131	86	12.1
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- Adding together the best 8 differentials out of the last 20:
 - 12.8
 - + 15.8
 - + 13.5
 - + 15.6
 - + 11.0
 - + 10.4
 - + 13.1
 - + 12.1
- And averaging the total: = 104.3 / 8

Handicap Index of **13.0**

Handicap Index

(Example of how this may look for a player at Stock Brook)

HANDICAP INDEX

Name:

Score No	Date Played	Course	Course Rating	Slope Rating	Gross Score	Score Differential
1	22/05/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	91	19.1
2	27/05/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	92	20.1
3	29/05/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	92	20.1
4	03/06/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	89	17.2
5	05/06/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	92	20.1
6	15/06/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	84	12.5
7	08/07/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	99	26.6
8	10/07/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	101	28.5
9	15/07/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	95	22.9
10	18/07/20	Stock Brook (W)	72.1	122	88	14.7
11	20/07/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	90	18.2
12	22/07/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	90	18.2
13	24/07/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	92	20.1
14	27/07/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	88	16.3
15	29/07/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	90	18.2
16	01/08/20	Stock Brook (W)	72.1	122	92	18.4
17	02/08/20	Ufford Park (Y)	69.9	127	95	22.3
18	03/08/20	Ufford Park (Y)	69.9	127	98	25.0
19	05/08/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	97	24.8
20	07/08/20	Stock Brook (Y)	70.7	120	92	20.1

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16.7

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FORMAT OF PLAY	TYPE OF ROUND	RECOMMENDED HANDICAP ALLOWANCE
STROKEPLAY	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Fourball	85%
	Fourball Stableford	85%
	Fourball Par/Bogey	90%
MATCHPLAY	Individual	100%
	Fourball	90%
STROKEPLAY	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)	25% 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%	

Handicap Allowances