



World Handicap System

AN OVERVIEW – GREYSTONES GOLF CLUB
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So what's new for golfers ?

- ▶ Within the next week members will receive details of how to log on to the new Golf Ireland website.
- ▶ Members will need to create a new account on the Golf Ireland website and will be able to see their new HANDICAP INDEX from November 2nd.
- ▶ There will be charts available at all golf clubs to facilitate the conversion of this Handicap Index to a COURSE HANDICAP.
- ▶ This Course Handicap will be used when playing golf – this is what players will write on their score cards.
- ▶ When playing a competition the system will automatically adjust the Course Handicap to a PLAYING HANDICAP.

How does WHS work ?

- ▶ **HANDICAP INDEX** is calculated based on the average of the best 8 of 20 scores and is updated daily. This is available on the Golf Ireland website using your 8 digit ILGU/GUI nr.
- ▶ **COURSE HANDICAP** is converted using a Course Handicap Table which every golf club will have on display. This table will convert your HANDICAP INDEX to COURSE HANDICAP. You use your COURSE HANDICAP when playing golf.
- ▶ **PLAYING HANDICAP** is an adjustment of your Course Handicap which is made automatically by the club competition system depending on the competition type you are playing (e.g. 95% for singles competitions). Clubs will display the % adjustments for different competition types for information.

Greystones G.C. Course Ratings

- ▶ Every golf course in Ireland and has been rated based on it's difficulty and this is known as Course Rating and Slope Rating.
- ▶ Every Golf Club will display a Course Handicap Table for each set of tees
- ▶ For Greystones the ratings are as follows:
 - Ladies' Red Tee: Course Rating – 71.3 (expected score by a scratch golfer)
Slope Rating 129
 - Men's Green Tee: Course Rating – 67.8 (expected score by a scratch golfer)
Slope Rating 121
 - Men's Blue Tee: Course Rating – 68.4 (expected score by a scratch golfer)
Slope Rating 123

Greystones G.C. Course Ratings

- ▶ Your handicap index will be converted into a Course Handicap by the competition computer system.
- ▶ The formula used is as follows: $\text{Course Handicap} = \text{Handicap Index} \times (\text{Slope Rating} / 113)$.
- ▶ $\text{Playing Handicap (singles competition format)} = \text{Course Handicap} \times 95\%$
- ▶ The system will tell you your Course Handicap and your Playing Handicap when you sign in.

How does it work for Casual Golf ?

- ▶ Your Course Handicap is used for Casual Golf
Examples - Casual golf in Greystones
- ▶ Lady Golfer with a Handicap Index of 21.4
- ▶ Slope Rating for Red tees: 129
- ▶ Course Handicap: 24 (Calculated using Slope Adjustment table – please see table below)
- ▶ Male Golfer with a Handicap Index of 14.6
- ▶ Slope Rating for Blue tees: 123
- ▶ Course Handicap: 16 (Calculated using Slope Adjustment table – please see table below)

How does it work for Competition Golf

- ▶ Your Playing Handicap is used for Competition Golf (singles)

Signing into a competition on the computer or the App will automatically give you your Course Handicap and your Competition Handicap

- ▶ Lady Golfer with a Handicap Index of 21.4
 - ▶ Slope Rating for Red tees: 129
 - ▶ Course Handicap: 24 (Calculated using Slope Adjustment table – please see table below)
 - ▶ Playing Handicap: 23 (95% of Course Handicap calculated by competition computer system)

- ▶ Male Golfer with a Handicap Index of 14.6
 - ▶ Slope Rating for Blue tees: 123
 - ▶ Course Handicap: 16 (Calculated using Slope Adjustment table – please see table below)
 - ▶ Playing Handicap: 15 (95% of Course Handicap calculated by competition computer system)

Handicap adjustments / Calculations

- ▶ What will change?
- ▶ No CSS,
- ▶ no 0.1 increases,
- ▶ no handicap categories or buffer zones

(Handicaps will be updated daily via the Golf Ireland platform and can be viewed early the next day on the new Golf Ireland website)

Handicap adjustments / Calculations

- ▶ Handicap Calculations will include:
 - ▶ Competition scores
 - ▶ Pre-registered Social golf Scores
 - ▶ Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) based on abnormal course weather conditions on the day (automatically calculated by Golf Ireland System.

Handicap adjustments / Calculations

- ▶ Handicap Adjustments will include:
 - ▶ Exceptional Scores – 7 shots or better than a player's Handicap Index will result in a -1/-2 shot decrease
 - ▶ Maximum handicap increase of 5 shots in a 12 month period subject to competition results.
 - ▶ A “soft cap” will be applied after a 3 shot increase to slow down the rate of increase
 - ▶ A “hard cap” will be applied after a 5 shot increase to prevent any further increase.

What's next ?

- ▶ A handicap index will be calculated for all players using the best 8 scores from their last 20 rounds. If a player doesn't have 20 rounds, the calculation is pro rated to accommodate this.
- ▶ Due to the different methods of Handicap Index calculations it is expected that up to 30% of players will have Handicap Indices more than 3 shots different than their current handicap.
- ▶ Your handicap committees will review all large variances to look for anomalies to ensure consistency. This review takes the place of the annual review. Handicaps may change between November and December as a result.

Further information

Further information is available on Golfnet.ie using the following link:

<https://www.golfnet.ie/whs>

Materials include overview presentations, FAQs, detailed Rules of Handicapping and a players reference guide.

Slope ratings for all Courses is available using the following link:

<https://ncrdb.usga.org>

Happy Golfing !

Blue Tee Course Handicap Table

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COURSE HANDICAP TABLE Greystones Golf Club

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Course Rating 68.4 Men's Blue (from 23 Apr 2021) Par 69 Slope 123

Handicap Index	Course Handicap	Handicap Index	Course Handicap
+5.0 to +4.2	+5	26.2 to 27.1	29
+4.1 to +3.3	+4	27.2 to 28.0	30
+3.2 to +2.3	+3	28.1 to 28.9	31
+2.2 to +1.4	+2	29.0 to 29.8	32
+1.3 to +0.5	+1	29.9 to 30.7	33
+0.4 to 0.4	0	30.8 to 31.6	34
0.5 to 1.3	1	31.7 to 32.6	35
1.4 to 2.2	2	32.7 to 33.5	36
2.3 to 3.2	3	33.6 to 34.4	37
3.3 to 4.1	4	34.5 to 35.3	38
4.2 to 5.0	5	35.4 to 36.2	39
5.1 to 5.9	6	36.3 to 37.2	40
6.0 to 6.8	7	37.3 to 38.1	41
6.9 to 7.8	8	38.2 to 39.0	42
7.9 to 8.7	9	39.1 to 39.9	43
8.8 to 9.6	10	40.0 to 40.8	44
9.7 to 10.5	11	40.9 to 41.8	45
10.6 to 11.4	12	41.9 to 42.7	46
11.5 to 12.4	13	42.8 to 43.6	47
12.5 to 13.3	14	43.7 to 44.5	48
13.4 to 14.2	15	44.6 to 45.4	49
14.3 to 15.1	16	45.5 to 46.3	50
15.2 to 16.0	17	46.4 to 47.3	51
16.1 to 16.9	18	47.4 to 48.2	52
17.0 to 17.9	19	48.3 to 49.1	53
18.0 to 18.8	20	49.2 to 50.0	54
18.9 to 19.7	21	50.1 to 50.9	55
19.8 to 20.6	22	51.0 to 51.9	56
20.7 to 21.5	23	52.0 to 52.8	57
21.6 to 22.5	24	52.9 to 53.7	58
22.6 to 23.4	25	53.8 to 54.0	59
23.5 to 24.3	26		
24.4 to 25.2	27		
25.3 to 26.1	28		

INSTRUCTIONS

Find the range containing your Handicap Index in the left column.
Play with the Course Handicap in the right column which correspond with that range.
Please make sure the tees you are playing correspond with the tees this table applies to.

Green Tee Course Handicap Table

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COURSE HANDICAP TABLE Greystones Golf Club

GOLF IRELAND

Course Rating 67.8 Men's Green (from 23 Apr 2021) Par 69 Slope 121

Handicap Index	Course Handicap	Handicap Index	Course Handicap
+5.0 to +4.3	+5	25.7 to 26.6	28
+4.2 to +3.3	+4	26.7 to 27.5	29
+3.2 to +2.4	+3	27.6 to 28.4	30
+2.3 to +1.5	+2	28.5 to 29.4	31
+1.4 to +0.5	+1	29.5 to 30.3	32
+0.4 to 0.4	0	30.4 to 31.2	33
0.5 to 1.4	1	31.3 to 32.2	34
1.5 to 2.3	2	32.3 to 33.1	35
2.4 to 3.2	3	33.2 to 34.0	36
3.3 to 4.2	4	34.1 to 35.0	37
4.3 to 5.1	5	35.1 to 35.9	38
5.2 to 6.0	6	36.0 to 36.8	39
6.1 to 7.0	7	36.9 to 37.8	40
7.1 to 7.9	8	37.9 to 38.7	41
8.0 to 8.8	9	38.8 to 39.6	42
8.9 to 9.8	10	39.7 to 40.6	43
9.9 to 10.7	11	40.7 to 41.5	44
10.8 to 11.6	12	41.6 to 42.4	45
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13.6 to 14.4	15	44.4 to 45.2	48
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17.3 to 18.2	19	48.1 to 49.0	52
18.3 to 19.1	20	49.1 to 49.9	53
19.2 to 20.0	21	50.0 to 50.8	54
20.1 to 21.0	22	50.9 to 51.8	55
21.1 to 21.9	23	51.9 to 52.7	56
22.0 to 22.8	24	52.8 to 53.6	57
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Red Tee Course Handicap Table

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COURSE HANDICAP TABLE Greystones Golf Club

GOLF IRELAND

Course Rating 71.3 **Women's Red (from 23 Apr 2021)** Par 72 Slope 129

Handicap Index	Course Handicap	Handicap Index	Course Handicap
+5.0 to +4.9	+6	23.3 to 24.0	27
+4.8 to +4.0	+5	24.1 to 24.9	28
+3.9 to +3.1	+4	25.0 to 25.8	29
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