

Willesley Park Golf Club.

This presentation about the **World Handicap System** will help show:

How your Handicap will be calculated in future

The design of a system to measure the relative difficulty of different courses

How the two things will combine to give you a Playing Handicap

World Handicap System

- ▶ You may be aware that the process for calculating and using a handicap is changing from the 2nd of November 2020. The new system is called the World Handicap System (WHS).
- ▶ The system is designed to make the handicap equitable from one course to another, from one colour tee to another and for different forms of competition.
- ▶ Some of the terminology is different so it is worth taking some time to read our short description outlining “what this means for a Willesley Park member?”
- ▶ We have also built a “[World Handicap System](#)” area on the website that includes more of detail that supports the WHS.
- ▶ To give you an overview of the System it is worth first watching the “[Introduction](#)” video .

Your Handicap

- ▶ The handicap you play off in future will be based on your **Handicap Index**. This will be the start point for calculating your Playing Handicap at different courses, or off different coloured tees, or in different competitions at Willesley Park.
- ▶ Your “Handicap Index” will be communicated to you and will be calculated from the average of the best 8 scores from your last 20 scores submitted, since January 2018. Don’t worry if you haven’t played 20 qualifying rounds the system will sort this for you.
- ▶ The Index will be generated for you by the 1st of November and we will display the full list for members on the website and in the respective locker rooms.
- ▶ For new players your initial handicap will be calculated slightly differently but we will talk to you about that personally.
- ▶ Now you have a **Handicap Index** we can look at how it might be adjusted for different courses, tees or competitions.

Course Rating / Slope Rating

- ▶ Each course has been assessed for difficulty for scratch players, “Course Rating” and for handicap players “Bogey Rating” and these figures have been combined to create a “**Slope Rating.**”
- ▶ The Slope Rating is different for each colour of tee and is different for gender.
- ▶ The Slope Rating is represented by a number between 55 and 150 but usually over 100. The average or neutral rating across the world is 113.
- ▶ The Slope Rating is shown on our score cards and each course will display their own.
- ▶ The Slope Rating is fixed for our course layouts and at Willesley the ratings for the course with the 4th hole as a par 4/3 are:
 - ▶ White Tee is 127/126
 - ▶ Yellow Tee 126/126
 - ▶ Ladies Red Tee is 132/130
 - ▶ Gents Red Tee is 123/123

Course Handicap and Playing Handicap

- ▶ Before you play you will need to convert your Handicap Index into your **“Course Handicap”**. Again your respective Course Handicap will be provided to you at Willesley and there will be ‘look-up tables’ made available at other courses.
- ▶ The actual calculation shows how the Slope Rating is used: Remember we will provide it to you.
 - ▶ $\text{Course handicap} = \text{Handicap Index} \times \text{Willessley Slope Rating} / 113$. We have some examples on the next page
- ▶ We are used to our Handicap being adjusted for different types of format of play, this will continue under the new system when your Course Handicap will be adjusted to a Playing Handicap. Most of the time there will be no difference but any adjustment will be displayed on the competition entry conditions.

Examples - Using the Slope Rating to calculate a Course Handicap

- ▶ **At Willesley this information will be provided to you:**
- ▶ I am Mr. Man a member at Willesley with a Handicap Index of 10.0
 - ▶ Off the various Tees my course handicap would be
 - ▶ Off the Whites: $10.0 \times 127/113$ equals a Course Handicap of 11.2 or 11
 - ▶ Off the Yellows: $10.0 \times 126 / 113$ equals a Course Handicap of 11.2 or 11
 - ▶ Off the Reds: $10.0 \times 123/113$ equals a Course Handicap of 10.9 or 11
- ▶ I am Ms. Lady a member at Willesley with a Handicap Index of 10.0
 - ▶ Off the Reds: $10.0 \times 132/113$ equals a Course Handicap of 11.7 or 12
- ▶ **At e.g. Stoke Rochford this information will be provided by a look up table at the Stoke Rochford**
- ▶ Mr. Man playing Stoke Rochford G.C. off the Yellow Tee with a Slope Rating of 124
 - ▶ $10.0 \times 124/113$ equals 11.0 or 11 - so no change compared to Willesley.
- ▶ Lady playing Stoke Rochford G.C. off the Red Tee with a Slope Rating of 122
 - ▶ $10.0 \times 122/113$ equals 10.8 or 11 - so one less shot than at Willesley!

Example - My best 8 rounds out of my last 20

Date	My Score	White Tee - Course Rating	Slope Rating	Calculation	Differential
01/03/2018	90	71.0	127	$90-71 \times 113/127$	16.9
01/04/2019	91	73.0	127		16.0
01/06/2018	93	70.0	127		20.5
01/07/2018	92	70.0	127		19.6
01/07/2019	91	71.0	127		17.8
01/08/2019	95	71.0	127		21.4
01/09/2019	91	72.0	127		16.9
01/10/2019	92	70.0	127		19.6
10/10/2019	94	71.0	127		20.5
12/10/2019	95	73.0	127		19.6
28/10/2019	94	70.0	127		21.4
01/03/2020	80	70.0	127	$80-70 \times 113/127$	8.9
03/03/2020	85	71.0	127		12.5
10/03/2020	83	70.0	127		11.6
	My Score	Yellow Tee - Course Rating			
04/04/2020	79	69.0	126	$79-69 \times 113/126$	8.9
06/04/2020	88	70.0	126		16.0
08/04/2020	86	70.0	126		14.2
07/04/2020	77	69.0	126		7.1
	My Score	Red Tee - Course Rating			
08/03/2020	79	68.0	123	$79-68 \times 113/123$	9.8
09/03/2020	89	69.0	123		17.8
				Total of best 8	89.0
				Divide by 8	11.1

My Handicap Index

Best 8 rounds