



Handicapping Alterations.

The alterations in the handicaps will be done in accordance with The English Golf Union system of handicapping or The World Handicapping System.

As from 2022 all members will have the opportunity to use the society handicap adjustment equivalent to the WHS method or register on the England Golf website and use the EG system.

Any member that opts for England Golf method will have to assign the committee members as friends and allow them to use the handicap displayed on the app in advance for all adjustments for all matches.

Any member that will not allow access will be subject the society method. The choice is entirely up to the member to decide for themselves which system they would like to use. Once the choice is made. All rounds will be played using the chosen method of adjustment. There will be no swapping between the two, the chosen method will stay so long as they are registered and a member.

Allocation of handicaps for Stableford only.

All players will be required to return three cards from which any score of more than two over par will be amended to two over par. After these adjustments have been made an exact handicap shall be allotted equivalent to the difference of the best of the submitted rounds minus the Standard Scratch Score (**SSS**) for the course, **Standard Scratch Score (SSS)**. The is the score allotted to an 18 hole golf course and is the score that a scratch player is expected to return in ideal conditions over a measured course.

Exact handicap. A player's exact handicap is his handicap calculated to one decimal place.

Playing handicap. A players playing handicap is his exact handicap calculated to the nearest whole number (0.5 is rounded upwards).

Buffer zone. This is the margin within which an exact handicap will remain unchanged after the application of clause **19, CSS and playing handicap.**

Handicaps are divided into the following categories each with a buffer zone,

Category 1: Handicaps 5 or less	Buffer zone 0 to +1
Category 2: Handicaps 6 to 12	Buffer zone 0 to +2
Category 3: Handicaps 13 to 20	Buffer zone 0 to +3
Category 4: Handicaps 21 to 28	Buffer zone 0 to +4

Qualifying Score. Is any score including a no return, and in certain cases includes disqualified players scores returned in a competition.

Qualifying Competition. Is any competition in which medal or Stableford play prevails and a CSS are calculated.

Competition Scratch Score (CSS). This is the adjustment that may be necessary to the SSS to take account of weather and course conditions and must be calculated for all qualifying competitions.

Clause 19.

All holes completed the player's net differential is reduced by the number of strokes taken on any hole in excess of net double bogey, (more than two over par).

Holes with no score recorded a score of net double bogey will be entered.

Net Differential. This is the difference (- or +) between the net score returned and the CSS after the application of clause 19.8.

Alteration of Handicaps.

If a player after the application of clause 19 CSS and handicap returns a score with a net differential within the buffer zone the handicap is not changed.

Above the buffer zone or records a no return the handicap is increased by 0.1.

Of less than zero the handicap is reduced by an amount per stroke being determined by the following figures.

Category 1: Handicaps 0-5.	For each stroke below CSS subtract 0.1
Category 2: Handicaps 6-12.	For each stroke below CSS subtract 0.2
Category 3: Handicaps 13-20.	For each stroke below CSS Subtract 0.3
Category 4: Handicaps 21-28.	For each stroke below CSS Subtract 0.4