

Annual General Meeting 24 May 2021

Handicap Secretary Report

A disruptive golfing year under the influence of Covid, resulting in significantly reduced playing opportunities, is certainly reflected in handicaps understandably shifting upwards.

Though limited use still has some of us coming to grips with the latest version of the World Handicap System (WHS), it has certainly been a positive step in creating an even playing field on any given day.

This single system, that allows daily updates and can easily be accessed, has greatly reduced workload for all involved. However, great as what the design is, it remains little more than a “calculator”. This makes it only as good as the operators responsible for inputting the data.

During the initial use of the WHS the responsibility to input scores for handicapping purposes post LSW events shifted to each player.

A periodic review of entries over this past year showed that though the majority of players accurately captured the correct data for handicapping purposes, there were still instances where the nett result of the differentials - the numbers used to ultimately calculate the handicap - were skewed by incorrect entries.

These errors included:

- Scores not entered (“It won’t affect my handicap anyway”)
- Incorrect course selection (where the same venue has multiple courses)
- Incorrect tee box selection
- Gross score entry without adjustments applied for handicapping purposes

With the introduction of GolfGenius as the scoring platform during our LSW events the submission of scores to WHS has reverted back to the Match Secretary, eliminating these mentioned errors.

Members are urged to please ensure that all WHS entries are correct, including scores of all rounds played outside LSW events.

Your Handicap = Your Responsibility

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