



# WHS Handicap Terms Explained



## Handicap Index (HI)

This is your expected score against the Course Rating on an average golf course (i.e. one rated at 113 Slope) This is based on an average of the best 8 out of your last 20 recorded scores

## Course Handicap (CH)

Your Handicap Index multiplied by Slope Rating divided by 113 (this adjusts your handicap index to allow for the “difficulty” of the course you are playing). This is the figure that a player **MUST** display on their card under the rules of golf for it to be legal.

## Playing Handicap (PH)

Course Handicap x Handicap Allowance (this adjusts your Course Handicap to allow for the format of golf being played). In stroke play this is the responsibility of the Committee, under the rules of golf - not the player's



## The Handicap Index (HI)

How is it calculated?	Average of the best 8 score differentials from the last 20 (sliding scale < 20 scores). Updated Overnight
Where do I find it?	Log into The Scottish Golf App Log into the Scottish Golf Website On the PSI screen in the clubhouse or shop
What does it represent?	The number of strokes that the player needs when playing an average course (one set up with slope = 113)
What is it Used for?	Entry into Competitions whether is a handicap limit Setting divisions within competitions Base number for the calculation of the Course Handicap and Playing Handicap
Essential on a Scorecard	No



## The Course Handicap (CH)

How is it calculated?	18 Hole Rounds: $CH = \text{Handicap Index} \times \text{Slope}/113$ 9 Hole Rounds: $CH = (0.5 \times HI \times \text{Slope}/113) + (9 \text{ hole CR} - 9 \text{ Hole Par})$
Where do I find it?	When logged into the Scottish Golf app and using the course look up on the home page. Also when checking in for a competition. From the course Handicap Charts
What does it represent?	The number of strokes that the player needs when playing a specific set of tees over a specific course. Think of this as your handicap index adjusted to allow for the difficulty of the course.
What is it Used for?	It determines where any net double bogey adjustments will occur when the gross scores are adjusted in the calculation of the new Handicap Index
Essential on a Scorecard	Yes. Failure to record this value on the scorecard is a DQ under the rules of golf.



## The Playing Handicap (PH)

How is it calculated?	18 Hole Rounds: $CH = \text{Handicap Index} \times \text{Slope}/113 \times \text{Handicap Allowance}$ 9 Hole Rounds: $CH = (0.5 \times HI \times \text{Slope}/113) + (9 \text{ hole CR} - 9 \text{ Hole Par}) \times \text{Handicap Allowance}$
Where do I find it?	This will be displayed when signing in for a competition
What does it represent?	The number of strokes that the player receives in a qualifying competition. This gives equity in the competitions.
What is it Used for?	It determines the number of strokes received in Match Play handicap competitions and the net scores in stroke play handicap competitions. It has not impact on the calculation of the new Handicap Index.
Essential on a Scorecard	No.



# Handicap Allowance for Different Formats



<b>Formats of Play</b>	<b>Mandatory Handicap Allowance</b>
Individual Stroke play	95%
Individual Stableford	95%
Individual Par/Bogey	95%
Individual Match Play	100%
Four Ball Match Play	90%
Scramble (4 Players)	25%/20%/15%10% From lowest to highest handicap
Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% High Handicap