

HANDICAPS

As some of you will be aware significant changes to Congu handicaps have been in effect from January 1st this year.

Part of the reasoning behind these changes is to start to bring us into line with World-wide handicapping and so further minor changes may be made in the future.

The main effect of these changes is that they remove any discrimination between ages and gender and disability.

There are 6 Categories for **both** men and women up to a handicap of 54.

All handicaps are **full** Congu handicaps.

How does this affect us?

Players at present on 28/36 will now have 0.1 added to their exact hcp if playing out of buffer. When reaching 28.5/36.5 the playing handicap will be 29/37, in Category 5/6 with a buffer zone of 5/6 shots.

The scores of players in Cat 5 and Cat 6 are not included in the calculation for CSS and so do not affect changes in handicaps for Cat 1-4 players.

When B&I members upgrade to full they will be awarded a Congu handicap which reflects their standard of play. Category 6 players returning scores below handicap will receive more severe reductions than other categories.

COURSES

Following on from this drive to remove discrimination, the different tees will be known by their colours. In company with many other Clubs we now have 4 courses which are rated for SSS for each Gender. This allows for members and visitors to play the course which best suits their standard of play and also facilitates competitions from multiple tees.

The tables below show the details and the equivalent Stableford score to play to handicap.

MEN

TEES	PAR	SSS	POINTS TO PLAY TO HANDICAP
WHITE	70	71	35
YELLOW	70	69	37
RED	72	67	41
GREEN	72	66	42

LADIES

TEES	PAR	SSS	POINTS TO PLAY TO HANDICAP
WHITE	70	76	30
YELLOW	70	74	32
RED	72	72	36
GREEN	72	69	39