



# CONGU UNIFIED HANDICAPPING SYSTEM (UHS) *'2012 Changes'*



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***...a CONGU handicap identifies  
the ability of a player under  
competition play conditions and  
not that of their social ability***



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# 2011 Changes



- **Supplementary Scores**
  - available to Category 1 (0-5)
  - no restriction based on previous qualifying scores (previously 7+)
- **9 Hole Qualifying Competition**
  - no restriction on number of events that can be run (previously 10)
  - no restriction on number of 9 hole courses
- **Active/Inactive**
  - Inactive players have now been removed from CSS calculations



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## 2012 – 2015 Changes

- Allocation of Handicaps
- CSS Calculation Based on SSS + Buffer Zone
- Small Field Table Introduced For 'Reductions Only' CSS Results
- Nine-hole Scores Extended
- Exceptional Scores Handling
- Annual Handicap Review (Players With Few Scores)



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# ***Allotment of Handicaps***

## ***Clause 16***

Allocation of a CONGU handicap now permissible from the submission of 9 hole scores.



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# ***Allotment of Handicaps***

## ***Clause 16***

### **Examples**

3 x 18 holes

2 x 18 holes plus 2 x 9 holes

6 x 9 holes

Handicap allocated based on the lowest 18 holes of the 54 holes submitted (not best individual holes).  
Authorisation for a 9 hole SSS must first be obtained.



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# ***9 Hole Qualifying Competitions***

## ***Clause 22***

9 hole qualifying competitions may now be submitted at any club in which the player holds playing membership

***Previously Home Club Only***



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## *Clause 25*

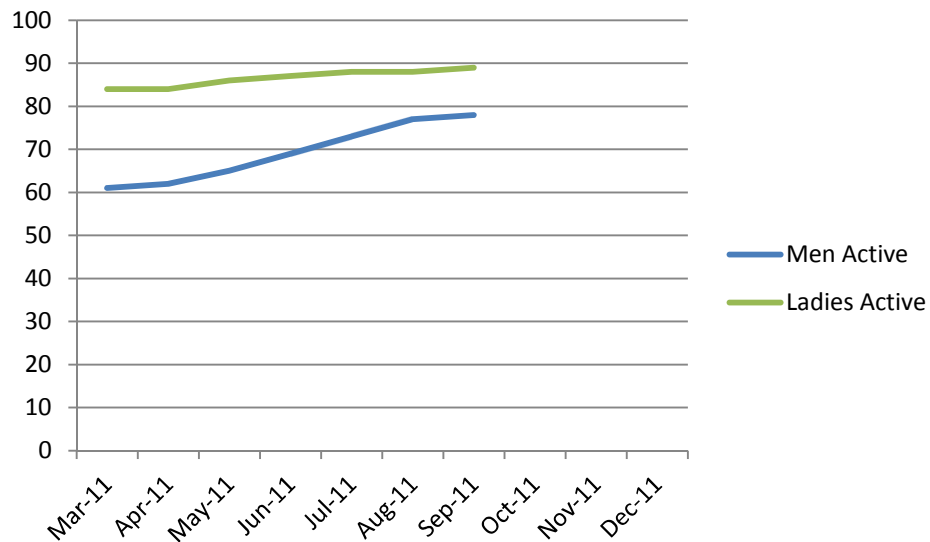
Now referred to as '**Status of Handicap**'  
and makes reference to Active/Inactive  
handicaps



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# ACTIVE/INACTIVE HANDICAPS



**NO INTENTION AT PRESENT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF QUALIFYING SCORES REQUIRED**



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# COMPETITION STANDARD SCRATCH (CSS)

*“Identifying the difficulty of the course on  
the competition day”*



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## CSS CALCULATION

Generally works well for men.

### The Problem

Produces too many occasions where CSS goes up or becomes Reduction Only for ladies.

**WHY?**



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## **CSS CALCULATION**

The CSS algorithm was not designed for fields with Category 4 players who are more volatile than the other Categories.

Composition of ladies fields are different to men and contain a relatively large number of Category 4 players. They also have a high number of very small fields.



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## CSS CALCULATION

CSS = SSS + Handicap Buffer Zone:

### Example – SSS 72

Cat 1	Nett 73 and better
Cat 2	Nett 74 and better
Cat 3 [&4]	Nett 75 [76] and better

Previously 74 for all categories



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# CSS CALCULATION

Comparing a typical Ladies' field (0/10/90)

	R/O	SSS+3	SSS+2	SSS+1	CSS=SSS	SSS-1
SSS+2	0-4%	5-7%	8-11%	12-15%	<b>16-32%</b>	33+%
SSS+BZ	0-6%	7-9%	10-15%	16-22%	<b>23-45%</b>	46+%

Comparing a typical Mens' field (10/40/50)

	R/O	SSS+3	SSS+2	SSS+1	CSS=SSS	SSS-1
SSS+2	0-5%	6-9%	10-14%	15-20%	<b>21-41%</b>	42+%
SSS+BZ	0-6%	7-11%	12-17%	18-25%	<b>26-49%</b>	50+%



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# Appendix B

## New Table A (Extract)

Table A								
Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	R/O	SSS+3	SSS+2	SSS+1	CSS = SSS	SSS-1
0	0	100	0 to 6	7 to 9	10 to 15	16 to 22	23 to 45	46+
0	10	90	0 to 6	7 to 9	10 to 15	16 to 22	23 to 45	46+
0	20	80	0 to 6	7 to 9	10 to 15	16 to 22	23 to 45	46+
0	30	70	0 to 6	7 to 10	11 to 16	17 to 23	24 to 47	48 +
0	40	60	0 to 6	7 to 10	11 to 16	17 to 23	24 to 47	48 +
0	50	50	0 to 6	7 to 10	11 to 16	17 to 23	24 to 47	48 +
0	60	40	0 to 6	7 to 11	12 to 17	18 to 25	26 to 49	50+
0	70	30	0 to 6	7 to 11	12 to 17	18 to 25	26 to 49	50+
0	80	20	0 to 6	7 to 11	12 to 17	18 to 25	26 to 49	50+
0	90	10	0 to 6	7 to 11	12 to 17	18 to 25	26 to 49	50+
0	100	0	0 to 6	7 to 11	12 to 18	19 to 26	27 to 51	52+
10	0	90	0 to 6	7 to 9	10 to 15	16 to 22	23 to 45	46+
10	10	80	0 to 6	7 to 10	11 to 16	17 to 23	24 to 47	48 +
10	20	70	0 to 6	7 to 10	11 to 16	17 to 23	24 to 47	48 +
10	30	60	0 to 6	7 to 10	11 to 16	17 to 23	24 to 47	48 +
10	40	50	0 to 6	7 to 11	12 to 17	18 to 25	26 to 49	50+
10	50	40	0 to 6	7 to 11	12 to 17	18 to 25	26 to 49	50+
10	60	30	0 to 6	7 to 11	12 to 17	18 to 25	26 to 49	50+
10	70	20	0 to 6	7 to 11	12 to 17	18 to 25	26 to 49	50+
10	80	10	0 to 6	7 to 11	12 to 18	19 to 26	27 to 51	52+
10	90	0	0 to 6	7 to 11	12 to 18	19 to 26	27 to 51	52+



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## **CSS CALCULATION FOR SMALL FIELDS**

*“Defined as competitions in which there are less than 10 competitors (Cats 1,2 3 [4])”*



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# SMALL FIELDS

## Problems

- CSS previously influenced by one player
- Too many Reduction Only (RO) events
- Self-perpetuating as players are then under-handicapped

For fields of 1-5 players, minimum CSS is SSS(as now)

If CSS = SSS+3 (R/O) refer to new Table B....

# Appendix B – Table B

Best Nett Score Relative to Category Buffer Zone				Field Size
+4	+3	+2	+1	
R/O	SSS+3	SSS+2	SSS+1	1
R/O	SSS+3	SSS+2	SSS+1	2
R/O	SSS+3	SSS+2	SSS+1	3
R/O	SSS+3	SSS+2	SSS+1	4
	R/O	SSS+3	SSS+2	5
	R/O	SSS+3	SSS+2	6
		R/O	SSS+3	7
		R/O	SSS+3	8
		R/O	SSS+3	9

## Example:

CSS = Reduction Only

Cat	Pts	BZ
3	32	+1
4	25	+11
5	37	-1
5	30	+6
5	28	+8
5	27	+9
5	20	+16



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# Exceptional Scores



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## Exceptional Scores

- Adjustment based on two nett scores better than -4 within a specified number of qualifying rounds.
- Suggests Additional Adjustment may be required (ESR).
- Not applicable to Category 1 and Category 2 can only be reduced to 5.5.

# Exceptional Score Table

## Additional Decreases

Average of the two scores	4 or fewer qualifying scores between scores	5 to 9 qualifying scores between scores	10 or more qualifying scores between scores
-4.0 to -5.0	1 shot	0.5 shot	No change
-5.5 to -9.5	2 shots	1 shot	0.5 shot
-10 or less	3 shots	2 shots	2 shots

# Exceptional Score

Present System			
ND	Hncp	Change	New Exact
-5	16.2	$-(5*0.3)$	14.7
-7	14.7	$-(7*0.3)$	12.6
5	12.6	0.1	12.7
		$-(1*0.3$	
-3	12.7	$+2*0.2)$	12.0
6	12.0	0.1	12.1
7	12.1	0.1	12.2
-5	12.2	$-(5*0.2)$	<b>11.2</b>



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# Mixed Golf

## 'Appendix O'

The Equality Act does not require Clubs to run all their competitions as mixed competitions.

Should clubs run mixed competitions an adjustment is required to take into account the difference between the SSS/Par of the courses being used.



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## Mixed Golf

### Example:

	SSS	Par	'to handicap'
Men	71	72	nett 71 (37pts)
Ladies	74	74	nett 74 (36pts)

For result purposes only the ladies would have a reduction of 3 strokes in a Stroke play competition and 1 stroke added to their handicap in a Stableford.

**ADJUSTMENT IS MANDATORY**



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# Mixed Golf

## Gross Competitions

For result purposes only an adjustment equivalent to the difference in SSS is to be applied to the gross score

### Example

	SSS	Gross Score
Men	72	71
Lady	74	72

Ladies gross score adjusted to 70 declaring her the winner



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# **THE ANNUAL REVIEW & GENERAL PLAY**

## **Clause 23**

*....the Clause to ensure that all playing members have handicaps that are reflective of their competitive playing ability*

# Annual Review

EXCLUDE		LESS THAN 3 SCORES		
DECREASE WITH CAUTION	MEDIAN 3+ BETTER THAN TARGET	3 SCORES	MEDIAN MORE THAN 6 WORSE THAN TARGET	INCREASE
DECREASE WITH CAUTION	MEDIAN 3+ BETTER THAN TARGET	4 or 5 SCORES	MEDIAN MORE THAN 5 WORSE THAN TARGET	INCREASE
DECREASE WITH CAUTION	MEDIAN 3+ BETTER THAN TARGET	6 SCORES	MEDIAN MORE THAN 4 WORSE THAN TARGET	INCREASE
	AS NOW	 7 SCORES PLUS	AS NOW	

Gross Score	Hncp	Nett Score	Stab Adj 19.1	Adj Gross Score	SSS	Gross Diff	Nett Diff	Hcap Adj	Rev Exact	Rev Play
100	24	76	0	100	72	28	4	0.0	24.0	24
102	24	78	-6	96	72	24	0	0.0	24.0	24
89	24	65	0	89	72	17	-7	-2.8	21.2	21

Number of Scores	Start Handicap	Finish Handicap	Handicap Change	MGD	Actual Nett Median Differential	Target Nett Median Differential (FH*0.237)+	Difference(Actual minus Target)
NS	SH	FH	FH-SH	MGD	MGD-FH	1.57	ANMD-TNMD
3	24	21.2	2.8	24	2.8	6.59	-3.79

**Performance Against Target**



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# ANNUAL REVIEW

## ***Case Study 1 – Handicap 8***

*25 qualifying scores returned  
wins club singles match play  
competition*

## ***Case Study 2 – Handicap 20***

*2 qualifying scores returned  
wins club singles match play  
competition*

## ***Case Study 3 – Handicap 15***

*Member diagnosed with arthritis  
in hands. Requests handicap  
increase.*

## ***Case Study 4 – Handicap 6***

*Wins club singles and better ball  
match play competitions. Played  
few qualifying rounds.*



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## GENERAL PLAY

### **Case Study 1 – Handicap 10**

*Member recovering from broken arm requests an increase during the rehabilitation period?*

### **Case Study 3 – Handicap 20**

*Member who frequently plays in qualifying competitions requests playing handicap reduction due to performing well in friendly games and 'taking the money'?*

### **Case Study 2 – Handicap 16**

*Member competes in Society day and wins with 45pts. Submits card for handicap reduction?*

### **Case Study 4 – Handicap 28**

*Member allocated initial handicap of 28. Enters match play competition and wins 2 or 3 matches against lower handicap opponents?*

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# **Principal Changes Introduced into the 2012 Code**

## **Rules of Golf**

# Definitions

## *Addressing the Ball*

The Definition is amended so that a player has addressed the ball simply by grounding his club immediately in front of or behind the ball, regardless of whether or not he has taken his stance. Therefore, the Rules generally no longer provide for a player addressing the ball in a hazard. (See also related change to Rule 18-2b)

# ***Exerting Influence on Movement of Ball or Altering Physical Conditions***

## ***Rule 1-2.***

The Rule is amended to establish more clearly that, if a player intentionally takes an action to influence the movement of a ball or to alter physical conditions affecting the playing of a hole in a way that is not permitted by the Rules, Rule 1-2 applies only when the action is not already covered in another Rule. For example, a player improving the lie of his ball is in breach of Rule 13-2 and therefore that Rule would apply, whereas a player intentionally improving the lie of a fellow-competitor's ball is not a situation covered by Rule 13-2 and, therefore, is governed by Rule 1-2.

# ***Time of Starting***

## ***Rule 6-3a***

is amended to provide that the penalty for starting late, but within five minutes of the starting time, is reduced from disqualification to loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. Previously this penalty reduction could be introduced as a condition of competition.

# ***Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions***

## ***Rule 13-4***

Exception 2 to Rule 13-4 is amended to permit a player to smooth sand or soil in a hazard at any time, including before playing from that hazard, provided it is for the sole purpose of caring for the course and Rule 13-2 is not breached.

# ***Seeing Ball; Searching for Ball***

## ***Rule 12-1***

is reformatted for clarity. In addition, it is amended to (i) permit a player to search for his ball anywhere on the course when it may be covered by sand and to clarify that there is no penalty if the ball is moved in these circumstances, and (ii) apply a penalty of one stroke under Rule 18-2a if a player moves his ball in a hazard when searching for it when it is believed to be covered by loose impediments.

# ***Ball Moving After Address***

## ***Rule 18-2b***

A new Exception is added that exonerates the player from penalty if his ball moves after it has been addressed when it is known or virtually certain that he did not cause the ball to move. For example, if it is a gust of wind that moves the ball after it has been addressed, there is no penalty and the ball is played from its new position.

# ***Playing from Wrong Place; Stroke Play***

## ***Rule 20-7c***

Note 3 is amended so that if a player is to be penalised for playing from a wrong place, in most cases the penalty will be limited to two strokes, even if another Rule has been breached prior to his making the stroke.

# ***Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped; By Outside Agency***

## ***Rule 19-1***

The note is expanded to prescribe the various outcomes when a ball in motion has been deliberately deflected or stopped by an outside agency.

# ***Appendix IV***

A new Appendix is added to prescribe general regulations for the design of devices and other equipment, such as tees, gloves and distance measuring devices.