



Annual Handicap Report 2024

1. Return to Golf

In March, I met with the Men's Handicap Secretary, John O' Gorman, and we finalised a return to golf email which went to all members. It included details of changes to WHS in 2024. A dedicated email also went to new members. Markers were turned on in April to enable submission of general play scores for the season.

2. Course Rating

All our courses were re-rated by Golf Ireland, effective from 1st April 2024. New handicap tables were prepared for red, white and blue tees on all 5 Ladies courses.

3. Handicap Changes

A review of winter results in March resulted in no changes being made. In the course of the year, 2 handicap indices were reduced– an Under 32 who was playing extremely well was cut twice. An adult member was cut after we were approached by her home club.

4. Teams

The issue of handicap certificates for teams ran smoothly, with a team panel cert issuing long before the match dates and the individual handicaps being certified by the player/team manager from the Golf Ireland app on match days. From now on GI also requires details of team finalists in non- GI inter club matches for annual review, i.e. Darcy Cup, Bloom and Mary McKenna.

5. Cards for Handicap

In general, there were no issues with this process, with the odd exception - sometimes the cards were from an unrated course in Elm Park, or incomplete. A Sporting History form now has to be completed and returned with cards for handicap. All applicants for golf membership must include any previous CDH number on their application form from now on. From time to time, social or tennis members have submitted cards for handicaps on the GI app. As they are categorised as non-playing members, Elm Park cannot issue them with a Handicap Index and the scores have to be deleted.

6. Annual Handicap Review

The Handicap Committee met in November to discuss the review. We also conferred with John O' Gorman to ensure a consistent approach with the Men's Committee.

- i. Only 2 players were flagged for adjustment.
- ii. 7 players were reduced, based on observation, internal match play results and other miscellaneous scores.
- iii. The review was submitted on 18th November and signed off as satisfactorily completed by Golf Ireland on 21st November. The handicap adjustments were made on 1st December and the relevant members notified when the adjustments are coming live.
- iv. The appeal procedure is available on request

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1st December 2024