



Golf in Wales - Vision 2020
'Driving forward'

Golf for all, for life



CONGU Changes

- Effective from **1st January 2016**
- ISVs given an extended period in which to update software
- Changes effective until **31st December 2017**
(WWH)

The Manual

The rationale for change includes the following principles to:

- encourage participation in both competition and social golf;
- try and make the system fairer for players of all abilities;
- try and make the handicapping system more uniform throughout GB&I;
- develop the system in the light of new evidence.



The Manual

Definitions

- Away Club, Club Handicap, Competition Handicap, Disability Golf Handicap, Continuous Review, Nine-Hole Course, ESR, Local Rule, Overseas Affiliate, Single CSS Adjustment



Principle Changes

- **Dates** - 1 January to 31 December
- **Preferred Lies** - GUW 1 October - 30 April
- **Competition Handicaps** - 'c' status
- **4BBB** - Increase from 75% to 90%
- **CSS Calculations** - Category 4 includes for both men & women



Principle Changes

- **3 Letter Identifiers** - *QZA, ARI, QRZ*
- **Initial Handicap Allotment** - Club handicaps up to 54 for men & women
- **Handicaps for Golfers with Disabilities** - administered in same manner as Club Handicaps until 28/36 is achieved



Principle Changes

- **Re-activation of handicap** - remains valid for year of resignation + full following calendar year should player join another affiliated club
- **Re-instatement of handicap status** - returns for 54 holes to achieve 'c' status



Principle Changes

- **Qualifying 9 hole scores** - better or to BZ = +18pts; outside BZ = double their score
- **ESR** - no longer compounded, reduction table modified to lessen severity. ESR mandatory if Union adopts.
- **Annual Review** - new standard report



Principle Changes

- **Supplementary Scores** - acceptable over nine holes (Cat 2 and above); allowed at all GB&I clubs of which player is a Member; unlimited number for those with Club Handicaps
- **Continuous Handicap Review** - to flag players with 7 consecutive 0.1 increases

References

- GUW - handicapping@golfunionwales.org
 - *handicapping & course rating queries*
- CONGU - www.congu.com
 - *Manual*
 - *Guides*
 - *Q&A*