



**Four-ball Scores are  
Acceptable for Handicap  
Purposes**

Currently only scores from certain singles formats of play are returned to WHS for Handicap Index® calculation within GB&I. As of 1 April 2024, scores from four ball (such as Strokeplay, Stableford and Par/Bogey) will be acceptable for handicap purposes in GB&I. These additional and popular formats of play will allow more scores to be returned for handicap purposes based on some specified criteria.

Note: this is for competition play only and will not apply to match play.

## How does it work?

Once the acceptable pairs/team score is returned to WHS™, WHS™ will look for specific criteria, which is as follows:

- One player of the pair must have scored on a minimum of 9 holes.
- The total pair score must be at least 42 points or 6 under Par.

If these triggers are hit, then the golfer who has scored on the minimum 9 holes will have an upscaling value added for their unplayed holes based upon their playing partners score and if the score equates to 36+ points/level par or better it will calculate a Score Differential™ and the score will be added to their record for handicap purposes.

This score may or may not be one of their best 8 score differentials used to update/recalculate their handicap index®.

For scores not hitting the specified trigger points, the score will still be added to records but not used in calculations, as it will be indicated so in the records.

## Benefits

- Makes the game more inclusive as more scores are available for handicapping purposes from various formats of play.
- Handicaps will be more reflective of a player's demonstrated ability.



