



**Playing Handicap will be
calculated based on the
full Course Handicap
maintained to 'machine
precision'**

What it is?

The course handicap™ is the number of shots the golfer receives for the tee set they are going to play. Currently in England, Wales and Ireland this value is calculated to a decimal and then rounded for the golfer, which is the value they use when playing golf (both general play and competition golf).

Under the 2024 WHS Rules of Handicapping update this will remain unchanged, only if there is a lack of “machine precision” for calculation purposes.

Where there is an ability to use ‘machine precision*’ calculation by using ISV software or Wales Golf app etc. the Playing Handicap™ calculation will change to “unrounded”. The unrounded value is carried forward to then calculate the Playing Handicap™, and the Playing Handicap™ would then be rounded to a whole number.

*Machine Precision – utilising the computer software to ensure the accuracy of the calculations.



How it works?

Course Handicap™ calculation using unrounded calculation. A male player playing the Celtic Manor 2010 course from the White tees (C.R. – 74.6, SLOPE - 135, Par 71), with a Handicap Index of 10.0.

- $CH^{\text{TM}} = (\text{H.I.} \times (\text{SLOPE}/113)) + (\text{C.R.} - \text{PAR})$
- $CH^{\text{TM}} = (10.0 \times (135/113)) + (74.6 - 71)$
- $CH^{\text{TM}} = (10.0 \times 1.1946902) + (3.6)$
- $CH^{\text{TM}} = 11.94690265 + 3.6$
- $CH^{\text{TM}} = 15.546902 (16)$
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With a Playing Handicap™ allowance of 95%

Playing Handicap™ = 15.54×0.95

$14.76 (15) = 15.54 \times 0.95$

The Playing Handicap™ would be 15.

Golf Clubs should be utilising the following:

- Use of the ISV software for Competition and General play rounds
- Signpost the golfer to the Wales Golf app for General Play rounds & Course Handicap™ Calculator.

