HRGolf Societies - How is your handicap now recalculated?

Overview

HRGolf now uses new averaging rules similar to the World Handicap System to recalculate your handicap when you play in any competitions run by any of the HRGolf Societies (HRGS, Amigos and Golden Bear).

1. **Score Differentials** - For each round you play, a Score Differential value is now calculated from your entered scorecard. This Score Differential value will represent the theoretical handicap that you actually played to in this particular round. For handicap qualifying Strokeplay competitions, the calculation uses this total number of strokes taken by the player over the round, adjusted by your starting Playing Handicap and specific course/tee factors to create this Score Differential for your round. The Score Differential for this round is then added to the historical scores for that player. Note that the total strokes taken value for a Stableford round is an addition of the actual strokes recorded from your scoring holes plus an assigned default number of strokes (a double net bogey) for each of your non-scoring holes.

2. **Handicap Index Recalculation** - A new Handicap Index (the new term for your previous Exact Handicap) is then recalculated by examining your most recent 20 Score Differential records in your playing history and takes the average of your lowest scoring (i.e. your best) 8 rounds from that list of 20.
As you play and add new Score Differentials to the list of your 20 most recent rounds, then the older Score Differentials from the least recent rounds, drop off the window. That way the system always maintains a rolling historical record of 20 of your most up-to-date qualifying Score Differentials in the recalculation of a new Handicap Index.
In the case of not having a full 20 historical qualifying scores, your Handicap Index recalculation will use a pre-defined WHS defined table of alternative calculation rules shown below in Appendix 1.

   Note: Your HRGolf Handicap Index is based ONLY on your qualifying competition scores in competitions run by any of the HRGolf Societies. This will most likely mean that if you play infrequently with HRGolf Societies then you it will take time to build up a required complete playing record of 20 qualifying rounds.

3. **WHS Stroke allowances** - HRGolf will be also be utilising the WHS recommended Stroke Allowances for competitions: For STROKEPLAY & STABLEFORD SINGLES competitions the Stroke Allowance for players will now be 95% of their calculated Course/Tee Handicap. For our STANDARD TEAM competitions, such as Waltz or Dusty Bin etc, players will still receive 100%. The SPECIAL TEAM competitions, such as Pairs or Scrambles will have their own allowances.

4. **Handicap Index Increase Limit** - In order to attempt to negate any large Handicap Index changes which naturally may occur within the recalculation system, especially for our infrequent visiting players with very little history, HRGolf will be introducing a Handicap Index Increase Limit of 2 strokes. This will cap the number of shots that a players Handicap Index can increase by in any single recalculation after a competition score is entered.
Note: The initial starting Handicap Index for players was created from the migration recalculation of historical data from the old system also had this Increase Limit applied.

5. **Maximum Handicap Index Allowed** – HRGolf has determined that the maximum Handicap Index allowed for any player will be 36.

To see your own Recent Handicap Scores and calculations go to the HRGS website/MASTERSCOREBOARD/HANDICAPS and click on your name. This will display your Recent Playing Record. Click on the text 'Recent Handicap Scores' to get to your Handicap History and calculations.

Appendix 1

Alternative Table Rules – as WHS

The following table defines the alternate Handicap Index recalculation rules to be applied when a player does not have the full complement of 20 Score Differentials in their playing history.

Where a player does not yet have the required number of scores …

Number of Scores on Player's Record	Number of Best Scores to Average	Additional Adjustment
1	1	-2
2	1	-2
3	1	-2
4	1	-1
5	1	0
6	2	-1
7	2	0
8	2	0
9	3	0
10	3	0
11	3	0
12	4	0
13	4	0
14	4	0
15	5	0
16	5	0
17	6	0
18	6	0
19	7	0

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