

Course Rating and Hole Index Changes 2019

In preparation for the introduction of the world handicapping system planned for 2020 a team of Derbyshire officials visited the club last year and carried out a course rating exercise.

Prior to the course rating exercise the club also had the Blue Course officially measured so that it could also be included in the work undertaken.

The course rating exercise determines the slope rating and the course rating (SSS) for each of our 4 courses (White, Yellow, Red and Blue).

Although slope rating won't be used until the world handicapping system is in use, the course rating (SSS) becomes active at once. The course rating values (SSS) of the white, yellow and red courses all changed so there was an immediate need to amend the scorecards for these courses and introduce a new scorecard for the blue course. The course rating exercise also produced ratings that we didn't have before in that men now have ratings for playing the red and blue course and ladies have ratings for playing the yellow and blue courses but not white because this course is too long for a ladies rating.

The Course Rating (SSS) changes and Slope values are shown in the table below:

	Course Rating (SSS) Changes				Slope	
	Men		Ladies		Men	Ladies
	Old	New	Old	New	New	New
White	70	71			136	
Yellow	69	70		76	131	134
Red		68	73	74	121	129
Blue		62		64	110	111

The course rating changes have forced the club into amending the scorecard artwork. The Competitions Committee agreed that this was therefore an ideal opportunity to carry out a long overdue review of the hole stroke indexes and make recommendations for adjustment where necessary.

The starting point was to review competition history for the last 2 years which in total amounted to around 6,000 rounds of golf. The data was analysed, recommendations were made, and the proposed changes were confirmed against CONGU guidelines for setting stroke indexes.

This process resulted in the Competitions Committee agreeing on several hole index changes that are shown in the tables below:

White & Yellow Courses		
Hole No	Old Index	New Index
1	12	14
6	14	12
7	10	8
9	8	10
11	9	15
12	15	13
16	13	9

Red Course		
Hole No	Old Index	New Index
1	12	8
3	8	12
6	16	18
8	18	16

Please note: The Course Rating and Hole Index changes become effective on **1st April 2019**.

Below is the new layout of the **main scorecard**, the significant changes are in the header section where the handicap index (not used until 2020) and rating/slope boxes have been added. In the body of the card the new hole indexes have been updated.

COMPETITION													
DATE		Tee Time			Handicap Index	Course Handicap	Strokes Received	Rating/Slope	Gents	✓	Ladies	✓	
Player A									70.8/136				
Player B									70.0/131		75.9/134		
								68.3/121		73.6/129			
Hole	Marker's Score	White Yards	Par	Yellow Yards	Stroke Index	Score		Nett Score	W = + L = - N = 0 POINTS	Red Yards	Par	Stroke Index	
						A	B						
1		298	4	293	14					291	4	8	
2		425	4	407	6					405	4	4	
3		433	4	396	2					340	4	12	
4		312	4	305	16					295	4	14	
5		347	4	337	4					300	4	10	
6		197	3	183	12					172	3	18	
7		374	4	368	8					365	4	2	
8		148	3	139	18					133	3	16	
9		474	5	467	10					425	5	6	
		3008	35	2895	OUT					2726	35		
PLEASE AVOID SLOW PLAY AT ALL TIMES													
10		414	4	403	3					401	5	13	
11		481	5	471	15					449	5	5	
12		191	3	181	13					158	3	17	
13		453	4	445	1					430	5	7	
14		356	4	349	7					336	4	3	
15		165	3	157	17					151	3	15	
16		341	4	327	9					325	4	1	
17		384	4	372	5					281	4	11	
18		488	5	475	11					395	5	9	
		3273	36	3180	IN					2926	38		
		3008	35	2895	OUT					2726	35		
		6281	71	6075	TOTAL					5652	73		

<input type="text"/> STABLEFORD POINTS OR PAR RESULT	HANDICAP	<input type="text"/>	Holes won	<input type="text"/>
	NETT	<input type="text"/>	Holes lost	<input type="text"/>
			Result	<input type="text"/>

Marker's Signature: _____ Player's Signature _____

The new **Am-Am scorecard** that now has a clearer definition of white/yellow and red course indexes.

Competition:				Date:				Rating/Slope		Gents		Ladies	
Medal/Stableford:				Time Out:				70.8/136		✓		✓	
Competition Information:								70.0/131		75.9/134			
68.3/121								68.3/121		73.6/129			

Players				Handicap Index	Course Handicap	Strokes Received	Players				Handicap Index	Course Handicap	Strokes Received
A							C						
B							D						

Hole	White / Yellow		Red		A	B	C	D	Nett / Pts	Hole	White / Yellow		Red		A	B	C	D	Nett / Pts
	Par	Index	Par	Index							Par	Index	Par	Index					
1	4	14	4	8						10	4	3	5	13					
2	4	6	4	4						11	5	15	5	5					
3	4	2	4	12						12	3	13	3	17					
4	4	16	4	14						13	4	1	5	7					
5	4	4	4	10						14	4	7	4	3					
6	3	12	3	18						15	3	17	3	15					
7	4	8	4	2						16	4	9	4	1					
8	3	18	3	16						17	4	5	4	11					
9	5	10	5	6						18	5	11	5	9					
Out	35		35							In	36		38						
Marker's Signature:										Out	35		35						
Player's Signature:										Total	71		73						

The **Blue Course scorecard**

Competition:				Date:				Blue Course					
Medal/Stableford:				Time Out:				Rating / Slope		Gents		Ladies	
Competition Information:								62/110		64.1/111			

Players				Handicap Index	Course Handicap	Strokes Received	Players				Handicap Index	Course Handicap	Strokes Received
A							C						
B							D						

Hole	Yards	Gents		Ladies		A	B	C	D	Nett / Pts	Hole	Yards	Gents		Ladies		A	B	C	D	Nett / Pts
		Par	Index	Par	Index								Par	Index	Par	Index					
1	129	3	16	3	16						10	250	4	1	4	1					
2	269	4	10	4	10						11	292	4	7	4	7					
3	278	4	14	4	4						12	155	3	15	3	15					
4	201	3	4	4	14						13	274	4	13	4	13					
5	204	4	6	4	6						14	264	4	3	4	3					
6	155	3	18	3	18						15	148	3	17	3	17					
7	254	4	8	4	8						16	235	4	5	4	5					
8	132	3	12	3	12						17	231	4	9	4	9					
9	337	4	2	4	2						18	296	4	11	4	11					
Out	1959	32		33							In		34		34						
Marker's Signature:										Out	1959	32		33							
Player's Signature:										Total	4104	66		67							

The amended **local rules** that appear on all the scorecards

<p>LOCAL RULES (amended January 2019)</p> <p>A OUT OF BOUNDS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. On or over the road to the left of the 1st and right of the 6th holes.2. Beyond the white post to the left of the 3rd hole.3. In the stream at the 12th hole, beyond the white posts to the left of the green.4. In or over the ditch on the left of the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th hole.5. In or over the ditch behind the 16th hole.6. Over any hedge or fence bounding the course.7. In or over the ditch to the rear and right of the 14th green.8. Car park to the right of the 7th hole. <p>B PENALTY AREAS</p> <p>Penalty areas are defined by either red or yellow markers.</p> <p>C STAKED TREES</p> <p>If a staked tree or a tree smaller than a driver interferes with a player's stance or area of intended swing, the player MUST take relief under Rule 16.</p> <p>For ground anchor transplanted trees, the same relief applies as to staked trees, however the area is extended to cover any ground within the vicinity of the tree which has been disrupted by planting, which is designated GUR.</p> <p>D RELIEF MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING IN LINE WITH RULE 14 (Lifting and Returning a Ball to Play)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. On or within one club's length of any road or surfaced footpath unless the road or footpath is out of bounds.2. In a tractor rut in the General Area.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. On or near any pop-up sprinkler or any water stop tap cover, where the sprinkler or cover also interferes with a player's stance, or within one club's length of a sprinkler where the sprinkler is on line to the hole.4. On or within one club's length of the drain covers to the right of the 8th green in front of the 9th tee.5. On a drain upon which the turf has not been fully reinstated on the fairway.6. Road crossing the 9th fairway: If a ball, having been hit between the white posts marking the edge of the fairway, finishes on the road and subsequently rolls down the road, the player may take relief from the point where their ball first crossed the road. <p>E IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The pylons to the left of the 13th and 14th holes are immovable obstructions and Rule 16 applies (Relief from Abnormal Course Conditions Including Immovable Obstructions).2. Any ball striking the pylons or wires must be abandoned and another ball played without penalty in line with Rule 14 (Lifting and Returning a Ball to Play).3. The Halfway House and all internal walls. <p>F PLAYERS MUST NOT START AT THE 7th OR THE 10th HOLES IF THE PREVIOUS HOLES ARE IN PLAY</p> <p>PENALTY FOR BREACH OF ANY LOCAL RULE</p> <p>Match Play - Loss of Hole Stroke Play - Two Shot Penalty</p> <p>HEALTH AND SAFETY</p> <p>Clubhouse telephone number: 01246 279256 Clubhouse Postcode: S42 7LA</p>
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