



BSGS Committee

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Handicapping & Tournament Results

This committee intends to provide a fair and equitable platform for every tournament. Note that as a SOCIAL Society, we may and often will operate Handicapping differently to usual Golf clubs and the World Handicap System (although this is the substantial basis of our methods).

As a SOCIAL society, we have many players with a wide range of abilities and, many who do not have substantiated Handicaps, therefore the flexibility we employ seeks to accommodate those factors. WE DO ENCOURAGE players to utilize a phone or website application to continuously enter their scores so that information can be shared with us. It may not on its own, dictate to us the Handicap Index a player may be given if we feel other factors override it for the broader benefit of BSGS Members.

The BSGS committee reserves the right to change the BSGS rules and/or handicap of any player at any time before, at or after a BSGS event.

To improve the competitiveness of the tournaments the following rules apply:

HANDICAP SOURCES AND REVIEW BASIS

We have in 2020 introduced a new score recording system for Tournaments. This is speeding up the production of results and providing valuable scoring data for handicapping. However, we are still building the data and since our tournaments are monthly only, players are encouraged, as below, to use Handicap apps for **all** their rounds of golf. This will greatly assist in making sure our Handicapping is equitable and tournaments fair for all to be competitive.

We are encouraging members to use apps such as 'The Grint' and to share their handicap data via the 'Friend' option with committee members. This seems to be the most popular app and the free version records sufficient data for our Purposes. Using the 'Friend' option players can easily share current Handicap data with the BSGS committee.

In recent years we have been grateful to BOGS for providing their event results to use as additional data weekly for a limited number of BSGS members. Unfortunately, this is no longer viable.

We are currently reviewing third-party applications that can be our own BSGS administration system for Handicapping and Tournaments.

Extensive reviews of all handicaps are undertaken on an ongoing basis by recommendations from the Handicap Sub-committee to the General Committee.

We have now converted to the new World Handicap System (WHS) for calculating/updating handicaps following the new global procedure.

The source of BSGS players handicap will come from one or more of the following or other sources agreed with the Committee:

- BSGS handicap calculated from your previous BSGS competition scorecards
- A player's official handicap from another golf club (handicap certificate is required to be shown to the BSGS committee)
- Online website or App handicap source and verification notified to the Committee at least 3 days before the competition day. The Committee will need to see that the Handicap is up to date and based on recent scorecards

Unsubstantiated Handicaps

This relates to new, visiting or existing players to Tournaments who are unable to substantiate a Handicap from an app or other current source or who have insufficient scores recorded in that App or our records. To keep the Tournaments viable and competitive for all members the Committee reserves the right to;

- Set a Handicap for that player until sufficient attested (Counter-signed) scores have been provided to BSGS
- Employ a System 36 review of their result or any scores submitted, until a minimum of 20 scores are provided as per the WHS

Tournament Results - NOTE THAT:

1. [System 36 Rule](#) - BSGS may, at their sole discretion, revert to a System 36 review of any participant who records a score of -5 or lower in any individual tournament and the player's score or subsequent Handicap may be adjusted. At our discretion, a similar assessment may be used for any Team competition.
2. [Automatic adjustment Rule/s](#)
 - i) The Committee reserves the right to adjust results but will in any case apply an automatic Handicap cut for the following BSGS Tournament played to anyone scoring 4 or more strokes below Handicap. In such circumstances, a minimum of 50% of the number of strokes scored below Handicap will be applied. A further review of their Handicap will be conducted after that subsequent event. This rule is aimed especially where the Handicap Sub-Committee believes the player's Handicap is not suitably substantiated. Players should submit evidence of recent scores from a Handicap app or other source, to the Committee to aid this subsequent review
 - ii) Should any such player have a sufficiently substantiated current Handicap based on recently submitted scores, then the automatic cut may be modified or waived, at the discretion of the BSGS Committee

iii) Further handicap reviews will be undertaken until sufficient data verifies a fair Handicap for that player and in any case, all players Handicaps are reviewed on an ongoing basis

3. In addition, the Committee may apply WHS adjustments to scores on any single hole, that is, strokes over WHS recommendations (Nil return or 'blow out holes').

For a team, i.e. non-individual formats (scrambles, Better Ball etc.) an appropriate similar cut-off figure (e.g. 5 under Handicap) may be applied and equal to or lower scores subject to System 36 or another review on a similar basis. Any such review will be utilised for at least the subsequent 2 (or more) BSGS tournaments attended.

We trust that these rules ensure the continued enjoyment and competitiveness of all participants.

The BSGS Committee continues to welcome and encourage all feedback and comment via email to:

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