

The World Handicap System at Caldy

The World Handicap System (WHS) is due to go live at Caldy on November 2nd 2020. The purpose of this note is to provide you with the essential information you need in order to prepare yourself for WHS at Caldy, as follows:

1. **Use the Caldy WHS web page** as your main source of information. The link is below and is accessible to Members and Visitors alike.

<https://www.caldygolfclub.co.uk/members/world-handicap-system/>

Read the *Rules of Handicapping Player Reference Guide* and **watch** *WHS Member's Presentation* which between them will tell you all you need to know. (For convenience, the Player's Reference Guide is attached to this message).

Familiarise yourself with the *Terminology*, and browse *Know the Score*, *FAQ* and *#AskGemma* links to answer your questions.

If you are interested in the detail, follow the links provided to WHS, England Golf and R&A websites.

For **Caldy-specific WHS information**, you will find Course, Slope Ratings and Handicap Tables for both the Men's and Women's tees.

FAQs specific to Caldy are also provided, and we will continue to update these.

2. Take a look at the **new noticeboard** at the club, adjacent to the existing green noticeboards next to the Pro Shop. This will display WHS educational posters and will be updated on a regular basis. The large screen at the entrance to the club will also be used to display WHS information as November 2nd approaches.
3. **The transition from CONGU to WHS** will happen mostly behind the scenes via England Golf and will be overseen by the Handicap Committee. England Golf have indicated that from late October, golfers will be able to view their predicted Handicap Index on the England Golf website. More details will be provided as they become available.
4. Please maximise the number of qualifying and/or supplementary scores you submit from now and throughout October – a fully established handicap record requires 20 qualifying scores in the period January 2018 up until the end of October 2020 – either as qualifying competitions or as supplementary scores. If you have less than 20 qualifying scores, please refer to the Caldy FAQs on the website.

Preparations for WHS at Caldy are progressing well, and I trust that you will find this information useful.

Thanks are due to Bob Nixon and the WHS working group which he leads, and to John Crosby for his help with the website.

Best regards,

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Chairman of Handicap