

HANDICAP INFORMATION SHEET

The Hong Kong Golf Association (HKGA) handicapping scheme operates under the USGA Handicap System with a maximum handicap index of 36.4 for men and 40.4 for ladies.

Eligibility:

The HKGA handicapping scheme is open to all golfers who are residents in Hong Kong. Members of established local golf societies may apply for a handicap through their society. Societies should register with the HKGA and nominate a coordinator to liaise between its members and the HKGA. Golfers who are not members of any local society may join the Hong Kong Men's/Ladies Golf Society.

Junior golfer:

Juniors under 18 years can join the EHS Scheme at a special rate.

Cards:

Submit a scorecard each time you play a round of golf. Post a score if you play 13 or more holes. Send your scores to the HKGA or your society coordinator each month and do not hold scorecards for more than one month. Mark your cards clearly with a "T" if the round was played in a competition. Society matches, club events, HKGA Tournaments and other events organized by a committee are classified as competitions. INCOMPLETE CARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED so make sure your scorecard is completed correctly as follows:

- Date of round
- Mark which tees are used
- Card to be signed by player and marker
- Enter GROSS score for each hole and adjust where appropriate under Equitable Stroke Control (see below).

NOTE: The Executive Nine course at Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club cannot be used for handicap purposes.

Handicap:

The best 10 of the most recent 20 score differentials are used to calculate your USGA Handicap. Details of your last 20 scores are required if you still have a record of these, if not a USGA Handicap Index can be issued to a player who has five acceptable scores.

Handicap Index:

You will be issued with a Handicap Index, a number taken to one decimal place. This is your travelling handicap which, rounded up or down, may be presented for use at any participating golf course worldwide.

New Handicaps:

New Handicaps can only be issued following receipt of FIVE or more scorecards.

Updates:

Scorecards and society returns need to be submitted before the 24th of each month to ensure that scores are processed in that month. Members with handicap changes will be notified early the following month.

Equitable Stroke Control:

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicapping purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability. ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's course handicap. ESC is used only when a player's actual or most likely score exceeds his maximum number based on the table below.

Course Handicap	Maximum Number On Any Hole
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

Anti-Doping Policy:

The Hong Kong Golf Association (HKGA) condemns the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices in sports. The HKGA supports HKADC's Anti-Doping Policy and adopts it wholly as the HKGA's Anti-Doping Policy applying to all parties covered by the Anti-Doping Policy.

A replacement of handicap card: HKD 50