

Three Rivers Golf Members

Obtaining a Handicap



Having an official golf handicap (or more correctly now called a **Handicap Index**) enables golfer of different abilities to play against each other on a level playing field. It also enables you to feel more comfortable playing courses which may be easier or more difficult than your home course as it adjusts the handicap that you use on those courses to reflect their varying degrees of difficulty.

Three Rivers Golf Club is affiliated via the English Golf Union to The Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU). CONGU lays down the rules and procedures for allocating and maintaining Handicap.

To get a **Handicap Index** you need to play and submit scorecards covering a minimum of **54** holes over approved designated courses. This can be from any permutation of designated 9 hole or 18-hole courses. At Three Rivers both the Kings and the Jubilee courses are designated 18-hole courses from all Tee Sets

Scorecards submitted for handicap purposes need to have been played with a current member of the Club who already has a WHS/CONGU Handicap Index. During each round he will fill in the scorecard which you must sign as the player and he must sign as the marker. After each round, the completed card must be endorsed "**For Handicap Purposes 1st, 2nd 3rd**" (as appropriate), dated and placed in the appropriate Course Box under the computer touch screen in the bar entry area.

All cards for handicap purposes should be played on the same Course and Tee Set and submitted within a period of six months

Note : once you have submitted cards covering the required minimum of 56 holes any further cards marked "For Handicap Purposed" will not be used when assessing your initial Handicap Index.

The submitted scorecards will then be assessed by the **Club Handicap Secretary** using an approved computer algorithm and a **Handicap Index** allocated. Once your Handicap Index has been allocated it will be automatically submitted to the "Central Database of Handicaps" (CDH) maintained by England Golf. You will then be given a unique CDH number which will allow you to track your handicap irrespective of changing clubs or entering competition at other clubs.