

## THE CONGU UNIFIED HANDICAPPING SYSTEM

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Directions and Decisions of the English Golf Union (EGU) and English Ladies Golf Association (ELGA).

### **PART ONE**

Definition E(c) - (Member). Clubs may impose such playing restrictions as they wish upon any of their classes of playing membership provided that no handicap shall be allotted to, or held by, a Member unless he is entitled to compete in four Qualifying Competitions in each calendar year or such lesser number as shall have been established club practice prior to 1993 (subject to any restrictions imposed under Definition E (a) and (b)).

*This definition applies to both EGU and ELGA*

Definition L – Medal Tee. A *Medal Tee* is the teeing ground, as defined in the Rules of Golf, the front of which should normally be placed no more than 10 yards (9 meters) in front of, or behind, the relevant *Distance Point*. (See Decision 21) and new Decision 22.

Definition N - Qualifying Competition. A List of those who may run Qualifying Competitions will appear on the EGU ([www.englishgolfunion.org](http://www.englishgolfunion.org)) or ELGA ([www.englishladiesgolf.org](http://www.englishladiesgolf.org)) websites or other Union/Association lists. No organisation other than those listed may run Qualifying Competitions nor may scores returned in these events be accepted for handicap purposes under the terms of clause 16.

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### **PART TWO**

1.3 The EGU directs that the SSS of courses under their jurisdiction shall be assessed in accordance with Clause 1.3(b) and that the guidelines first issued in March 1993 and later revised in January 1997, October 1998 and April 2001 shall be used for this purpose.

ELGA directs that the SSS of courses under their jurisdiction shall be assessed in accordance with Clause 1.3(a) or (b) until all courses have been re-rated under the USGA System.

1.4 The EGU directs that a Temporary Scratch Score should be allocated in accordance with the table in the footnote (EGU Only) to these directions. The Standard Scratch Score is to be assessed by the Area Authority Rating Teams, and ratified by the EGU. ELGA directs that a Temporary Scratch Score shall be allocated by the County Scratch Score Assessor.

1.5 The EGU/ELGA will consider the affiliation of clubs with courses of 3,000 yards and above which have been recommended by their County Union.

7(b) The EGU/ELGA nominates the Area Authority of the club concerned to receive the report and notification required by this clause.

### **PART THREE**

9.2(f) The EGU/ELGA directs Home Clubs to apply Clause 19.8 to all scores returned in all Qualifying Competitions both home and away.

*Note 1 –Away scores the player must return his card to his home club for adjustment.*

*Note 2 – In Championships where no Stroke Index is recorded, Clause 19.8 adjustments will not apply’.*

9.2(g) The EGU/ELGA directs that the Handicap Committee shall comprise Playing Members of the Club who shall have been elected/appointed either in General Meeting or by the Club’s Committee (see clause 11.5).

*In view of the unification of the Men’s and Ladies Handicapping Systems, it is recommended that Clubs should institute a Mixed Handicap Committee to meet at least once, preferably twice a year. The day to day running of the System could continue to be managed, if thought appropriate, by separate Men’s and Ladies’ sub-committees.*

9.2(i) Handicap appeals will be dealt with under the ELGA or EGU Disciplinary Procedure, which can be found in the relevant handbook.

9.3(a) The EGU/ELGA authorises Home Clubs to increase the handicaps of players in Categories 2, 3,4 [and 5] under the provisions of clause 19. Recommended increases in Category 1 must be referred to the Area Authority.

9.3(d) The EGU/ELGA does not restrict increases of Exact Handicap to 2.0 strokes in a calendar year.

9.3(f) See new 20.2 below.

11 (Note) The EGU/ELGA delegates to Area Authorities its rights under this “Note”.

12.7(d) The EGU/ELGA delegates the power of ratification for plus playing handicaps as required by this clause to Area Authorities.

15.4 The EGU/ELGA delegates to Area Authorities the authority required by this clause.

16.10(a) The EGU/ELGA directs that increases in Playing Handicaps shall be made as soon as practicable after the score becomes known to the *Home Club* and displayed immediately in a prominent position at the club – see 9.3(c).

17 Clubs are directed to clause 17 relating to Discipline. The recommendations in the current EGU/ELGA Yearbooks under the heading “Disciplinary Procedures” and the “Instructions for the Procedure and Conduct of Disciplinary Committees” should be read in conjunction with this clause.

17.6 The EGU/ELGA directs that handicaps in England cannot be lapsed under this clause.

18.3 The EGU/ELGA delegates to Area Authorities the powers of approval required by this clause.

19.2(a) The EGU/ELGA delegates to Area Authorities their rights under this clause.

19.2(b) See Clause 9.3(a) and the relevant EGU/ELGA Direction.

19.8 See 9.2(f) and the related EGU/ELGA Direction.

20.2 Where the number of competitors in Categories 1,2,3 [and 4] is five or less a Competition Scratch Score shall be calculated as set out in paragraph 20.1. Where the

calculation results in a Competition Scratch Score higher than the Standard Scratch Score the calculated Competition Scratch Score shall apply. When the calculated Competition Scratch Score is equal to, or less than, the Standard Scratch Score the Competition Scratch Score shall be the same as the Standard Scratch Score

Appendix H

The EGU/ELGA recommends these handicap allowances.

*Note*

*Refer to Definition N - Qualifying Competitions*

**Footnote (EGU Only)**

**Table of Temporary Standard Scratch Scores (see clause 1.4)**

Standard Length of Course	Length included in Standard Length				Temporary Standard Scratch Score
	Yards From	To	Metres From	To	
4092	3982	4201	3641	3841	60
4312	4202	4421	3842	4042	61
4532	4422	4641	4043	4244	62
4752	4642	4861	4245	4445	63
4972	4862	5081	4446	4646	64
5192	5082	5301	4647	4847	65
5412	5302	5521	4848	5048	66
5632	5522	5741	5049	5249	67
5852	5742	5961	5250	5451	68
6072	5962	6181	5452	5652	69
6292	6182	6401	5653	5853	70
6512	6402	6621	5854	6054	71
6732	6622	6841	6055	6255	72
6952	6842	7061	6256	6456	73
7172	7062	7281	6457	6658	74
7392	7282	7501	6659	6859	75

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