

Glossary of Terms

A glossary of all key terms about the WHS is available for golf clubs to download.

The glossary will act as a useful way of educating golfers on terminology. Golf clubs will be able to circulate this document to all their members electronically and by placing hard copies around the club.



For example, some of the key terms to know about the WHS are:

Handicap Index

A Handicap Index is a number that represents a player's ability and can be taken and played with on any golf course around the world. It is calculated from the best eight rounds from a player's last 20 scores.

Course Handicap

A Course Handicap is the number of strokes a player will receive for a specific set of tees on the golf course being played.

Playing Handicap

A Playing Handicap represents the total number of strokes a player will receive when they play with or against other players, depending on the format of play and the handicap allowance.

Course Rating

The Course Rating is the measure of playing difficulty from a set of tees when played by a scratch golfer.

Slope Rating

The Slope Rating is the number which indicates the relative playing difficulty of a course for bogey golfers, compared to scratch golfers. It is the difficulty comparison between a bogey player and a scratch player from the same set of tees.