

Junior Section Handicapping Scheme

The EGU and ELGA encourage clubs to adopt the Junior Handicapping Scheme recommended by CONGU that helps to:

- Initiate a common policy for all juniors across England.
- Make it easier for juniors to obtain their first handicap.
- Link with the CONGU scheme.
- Cater for juniors of varying abilities.
- Help junior organisers maintain junior handicaps.
- Allow juniors to compete against each other from an early stage.
- Provide juniors with a handicap of between 29 and 54, with the junior only having to play a minimum of 6 or 9 holes to obtain it.

This type of scheme helps to encourage and motivate new junior golfers, who perhaps can only manage 6 or 9 holes of golf during one visit, but need to be able to measure their own progression and compare themselves against other juniors.

The junior handicap awarded is not an official handicap, but is a form of club handicap, which the club can modify to suit its own needs. Another advantage of using this format is that clubs can compete against each other.

CONGU recommends the following procedures for allotting and adjusting handicaps for juniors:

1. Obtaining a Handicap
 - 1.1 To obtain a handicap a junior shall submit three cards at his [her] Junior / Deputy Organiser
 - 1.2 Any score more than 2 [3] over par at any hole shall be amended to 2 [3] over par. (The maximum reduction under this clause shall be six strokes per round).
 - 1.3 After these reductions have been made an exact handicap shall be allotted equivalent to the number of strokes by which the best of the submitted rounds differs from the SSS of the course.
 - 1.4 Juniors justifying a handicap of 28 or less shall have their handicap controlled and adjusted in accordance with the stipulations contained in the current CONGU Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping System.
 - 1.5 Handicaps in the range 29 to 54 may be allocated as 'Club Handicaps' to those juniors not capable of playing to a handicap of 28 or better.

Note: At the discretion of the Junior Organiser it is permissible for 'Club Handicaps', in the range of 29 to 54 to be allocated to juniors submitting cards over 6 or 9 holes, such cards are to be adjusted to an 18 hole score.

This concession should only be applied to juniors of 14 years or younger.

Junior Competitions will be run using at least two handicap divisions

