

MIXED GOLF

Mixed Golf is really only a "special case" of players playing from different Tees that have had separate Standard Scratch Scores allocated. This is covered in Appendix O (p74) in the 2008 Manual. It should be noted that the Appendix makes it clear that, where players are playing from tees that have been allocated SSS's, an adjustment MUST be applied to the handicaps of players playing the course with the higher SSS.

It is hoped that the fact that the UHS brings the adjustment and management of Men's and Ladies' handicaps under one system will encourage clubs to introduce regular Mixed Competitions to their calendar.

HANDICAPPING IN MIXED COMPETITIONS

The following procedures should be adopted when clubs run Mixed Competitions .

1. SINGLES COMPETITIONS

(a) Stroke Play

It is recommended that, for handicap purposes all players play off their CONGU® handicap and from tees with a Rated SSS making the competition Qualifying for handicap purposes.

The handicap adjustments are then ONLY APPLIED for COMPETITION RESULT PURPOSES.

In all Stroke Play competitions, where appropriate, the Ladies' handicaps must be adjusted to take account of the difference in the Standard Scratch Scores (SSS) of the courses being used according to the following:

$$\text{Ladies' Competition H/cap} = \text{Ladies' CONGU H/cap} + (\text{SSSladies} - \text{SSSmen})$$

(In the unlikely event of Men's SSS being higher than the Ladies' the reverse would apply).

Scores are then returned normally. The Ladies' Netts are then re-calculated for the Competition Result using the handicaps adjusted as above formula to get the "Competition" Ladies' Handicap this is then subtracted from the scores as returned to get new Ladies'; Netts for result purposes. Example:

Courses: SSSmen 69, SSSladies 72. Man off 18 plays to H/cap. Lady off 18 plays 1 under H/cp					
	Man		Lady		
	Gross	Nett	Gross	Nett	
Scores as returned	87	69	89	71	Left unadjusted man has low Nett
Adjust Ladies H/cap	87	69	89	68	Ladies Handicap for the Mixed Competition now 21 (18+(72-69))
After applying the adjustment the lady has lower nett and wins the Mixed competition					

It should be emphasised that the adjustments are NOT COURTESY SHOTS.

As was stated earlier, if the Men's SSS is higher than the Ladies' SSS on the courses being used then an adjustment would be made to the Men's Handicaps.

(b) STABLEFORD OR BOGEY/PAR

The approach to Stableford / Bogey (Par) competitions has been modified. In this type of competition account has to be taken of three factors, the SSS and Par of the course and the Player's Handicap. It has been decided that the easiest way of doing this is to determine the points a player playing each course would return when playing to handicap. Then the difference between the two (if any) is SUBTRACTED from the scores of the players who would have the higher score when playing to their handicap.

Courses: SSS(men) 69, SSS(ladies) 72.			
Par(men) 69 Par(ladies) 70			
Par men = 69	Man	Lady	
Par lady = 72	Points	Points	
Scores to play to H/cap	36	34	Points to play to handicap = 36 - (SSS - Par)
Play to handicap	$36 - (69 - 69) = 36$	$36 - (72 - 70) = 34$	
For the result of the Mixed Competition the men would have two points deducted from the score returned (and used for handicap purposes)			

This approach takes into account all the differences in Par / SSS and at the effect of SSS on the handicaps. It was considered simpler to administer as it allows both sets of players to play "normally" ie using their handicaps unadjusted and score exactly as if it were not a mixed - gender competition.

It was also looked on as fairer, in that the subtraction only takes place if the player has scored on the SI hole to which it applies (if one point it would be deducted from the highest SI hole where the player gets a shot, if two from the 1st and 2nd highest etc).

For clubs with computer administration of handicaps all these process should be incorporated in the software.