



Handicaps for Juniors (CONGU Unified Handicapping System, Appendix J)

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council of National Golf Unions 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 *Home Club* (preferably over a *Measured Course*) each of which shall be signed by a person acceptable to the Club Committee. In addition, at the discretion of the National Union/Association, when competitions/ meetings are organised by a County Committee/ *Area Authority* such scores may be submitted, for handicap allotment, from away clubs provided they are signed by a person acceptable to the County Committee/*Area Authority*.
- 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 6 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 [36] or less shall have their handicap controlled and adjusted in accordance with the stipulations contained in the current CONGU® Unified Handicapping System.
- 1.5 Handicaps in the range 29 to 54 [37 to 54] may be allotted as Club Handicaps to those juniors not capable of playing to a handicap of 28 [36] or less.

Note: At the discretion of the *Home Club* it is permissible for Club Handicaps, in the range of 29 to 54 [37 to 54], to be allotted to juniors submitting cards over 6 or 9 holes, such cards to be adjusted to an 18 hole score, e.g. a junior with a 'best of three' score of 60, adjusted in accordance with paragraph 1.2, over 9 holes on a course with a Par of 35, would receive a handicap of $(60 \times 2) - (35 \times 2) = 50$.

2. Alterations to Handicaps

- 2.1 Juniors with a handicap of 28 [36] or less shall have their handicap adjusted in accordance with Clause 20 of the CONGU® Unified Handicapping System, otherwise:
- 2.2 Returns of 1 - 6 strokes below the SSS will result in handicap reductions of 0.5 of a stroke for each stroke below the SSS.



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- 2.3. Each additional stroke below the SSS will result in a further reduction of handicap of 1 stroke,
e.g. A junior with a Club Handicap of 42 returning a nett score of 64 over a course with an SSS of 72 will be reduced as follows:
$$42 - (6 \times 0.5) - (2 \times 1) = 37$$

- 2.4. No CSS shall be calculated, *Buffer Zones* do not apply and handicaps shall not be increased other than in exceptional circumstances under clause 19.

- 2.5. When a junior's handicap is to be reduced so that it goes from a Club Handicap to a *CONGU® Handicap*, it shall be reduced at the rate appropriate to the higher category only as far as brings his handicap down into the lower category. The balance of the reduction shall be appropriate to the lower category,

For example:

- (a). A junior boy with a Club Handicap of 30 returning a nett score of 64 over a course with an SSS of 70 shall be reduced as follows:

$$30 - (4 \times 0.5) - (2 \times 0.4) = 27.2$$

- (b). A junior girl with a Club Handicap of 40 returning a nett score of 64 over a course with an SSS of 73 shall be reduced as follows:

$$40 - (6 \times 0.5) - (1 \times 1) - (2 \times 0.5) = 35$$

(Such a junior, having attained a *CONGU® Handicap*, will subsequently have his handicap adjusted under paragraph 2.1.)

3. General

- 3.1 All junior *Qualifying Competitions* involving competitors with a handicap of 28 [36] or less shall be played off a *Measured Course* with an official SSS.
- 3.2 The scores of competitors playing from a Club Handicap shall be excluded from any CSS calculation.
- 3.3 In the event of a majority of juniors competing with Club Handicaps, it may not be practicable to play off a *Measured Course*, in which case those with *CONGU® Handicaps* may only be adjusted under the terms of Clause 23.

Alternatively, if mixed handicaps, i.e. *CONGU®* and Club are competing, separate divisions may be run, *CONGU® Handicap* juniors playing off a *Measured Course*, Club Handicap juniors playing off tees deemed by the Club to be appropriate to their age and standard.