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All Affiliated Golf Clubs

Dear Handicapping Committee

Re: CONGU Unified Handicapping System - Changes 2011

On behalf of the Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU) we are writing to inform you of some changes to the CONGU UHS. These will take effect from January 1st 2011.

Clause 21 – Supplementary Scores (p40 of the CONGU UHS)

21.1 Shall apply to **all Handicap Categories** (1-4[5])

Revised to include **Category 1**

21.2 Clause deleted

Restriction based on the number of qualifying scores returned the previous year removed

Clause 22 – 9 Hole Qualifying Competitions (p41 of the CONGU UHS)

22.10 Clause deleted

Restriction on number of 9 hole qualifying competitions that can be played removed

Clubs may have more than one designated 9 hole SSS per measured course.

Note: Clubs should be aware that Nine hole competitions should not be run to the detriment of 18 hole competitions. Nine Hole Qualifying Competitions are an addition to 18 hole competitions not a replacement

Active/Inactive handicaps (not currently shown in CONGU UHS)

New Inactive players to be removed from the calculation of a CSS (Competition Scratch Score)

Appendix O – Mixed Events (p74 of the CONGU UHS)

Mixed Stableford Events - it has been agreed to change the adjustment that is required when the tees being used do not equate to the same number of Stableford points to 'play to handicap'. All players now playing the course which requires the fewest Stableford points to 'play to handicap' shall now have an adjustment applied to their handicap prior to the round

Example

Men's tees	Par 71	SSS 70	37pts required to 'play to handicap'
Ladies tees	Par 72	SSS 74	34pts required to 'play to handicap'

All lady competitors to receive 3 additional strokes onto their handicap. This is for competition results only. The player's normal handicap will be used for CSS calculations and for any handicapping adjustment.

Please note that all the above changes have been included in your respective handicapping software versions for 2011.

The next edition of the CONGU UHS will be 2012-2015 and will be available at the end of 2011. The English Golf Union and English Women's Golf Association will be conducting a series of handicapping seminars in the autumn of 2011 highlighting both the above and other changes to the system. Details of these seminars will be sent to Clubs during the middle of 2011.

Further information of the changes can be found on the Unions websites or by visiting www.congu.com.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Crampton', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

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