**WORLD HANDICAPPING SYSTEM (WHS)**

 **MAKING SENSE OF THE POSTERS**

You will have seen over the past few weeks a series of information posters from England Golf, these have been posted in the clubhouse, on the website and on social media, there is also a folder with information in the locker rooms.

**What you need to know:**

* When does it come into force – 2nd November 2020
* Will the current CONGU System cease to exist – Yes
* Will my handicap change Immediately? – Possibly, your handicap is worked out on your best 8 scores from the last 20.
* How will I know if my handicap is changed? – You will need to check your handicap every time you put a card in. You can check online or in the clubhouse.
* Will my handicap be different at every club? – Potentially yes, you will need to check what your handicap is for every club/tee you play.
* How do I check what my handicap is at a different course? – There will be a lookup table at each course based on your handicap index at your home club.
* What is a handicap index? – It is the equivalent of your Playing Handicap now.
* Do I need to know the Slope Rating of the course to play – Not necessarily, this is used to work out your course handicap, the lookup tables have done this for you.
* Will my handicap be different depending on which set of tees I use? – It could be, you will need to check on the lookup table.
* What if I only play in 9 hole competitions – It doesn’t matter if you play 9 or 18 or a combination, your handicap index will be the same.
* Will there be a lookup table for 9 holes? - Not at first, there will be information on 9 hole play in the locker room at your home club.
* Do I need to put a card in every time I play? – No, you only need to submit competition cards.
* Can I put in supplementary cards? – Yes, these are now called ‘Social Scores’ and can be put in provided they are declared in advance and played under competition rules using your normal course handicap.

You will also find a series of videos on the website which explain the new system

If you have any other questions, please feel free to ask!