



HRGS / Amigos Handicap Consolidation / Golden Bear Project

To: All HRGS Players

A project is currently underway with the aim of eliminating the current unsatisfactory situation of the HR-based societies, HRGS, Amigos and Golden Bear, each holding and separately maintaining a different handicap for the same player.

The project will firstly consolidate the calculation and maintenance of players exact handicaps from all 'handicap qualifying' games run by both HRGS and Amigos societies into one single system. This will see all players data, 'handicap qualifying' games results and handicaps from both societies integrated and administered from the current HRGS Handicap Master and Master Scoreboard software.

The primary objective is to hold and maintain only ONE current exact handicap for a player irrespective of which HRGS or Amigos society they belong to and whichever society games they play in. This single current handicap will be used to generate all the competition start-sheets and calculations of playing handicaps for HRGS and Amigos society games. Any handicap adjustments from any of the 'handicap qualifying' games run by either HRGS or Amigos societies, will be automatically applied to this single handicap which will immediately become the current exact handicap for that player. This change will be implemented from January 1st 2021.

Note that a players' starting exact handicap from 1st January 2021 will be determined as part of a Handicap Alignment Update process to be actioned jointly by HRGS and Amigos handicap administrations. The agreed principle is that for players' who are members of both HRGS and Amigos, their exact handicap to be adopted will be their current HRGS exact handicap, EXCEPT where there are 'significant' differences between the two handicaps (i.e. more than two shots above or below their HRGS handicap). In these instances, the HRGS and Amigos handicap administrations will discuss to determine which handicap to adopt as the starting exact handicap for that player. Clearly, where a player is only a member of one society their only available exact handicap will be adopted.

A second, smaller part of this project, will be to integrate and consolidate part of the Golden Bear society team game and Annual Trophy competition processing into the new HRGS/Amigos Handicap Master and Master Scoreboard software. Golden Bear, other than their one Annual Trophy 'handicap qualifier' competition, play exclusively team games which are not 'handicap qualifiers', and therefore overall their activities will have a very minimal effect on a player's handicap. However, Golden Bear, by using the same HRGS/Amigos software will get the main benefit of utilising the current exact handicap for a player when generating their competition start-sheets, calculating their playing handicaps and the processing and publishing of their results. It is expected that this second part of the project will be implemented for the January 2021 Golden Bear outing.

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When this project is fully completed, all of the three 'HR-based' golf societies, HRGS, Amigos and Golden Bear, will be utilising same software system, to varying degrees, but importantly will have shared access to the current exact handicap for a player.

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