

# Cahir Park Golf Club

## How to obtain an Initial Handicap Index:

As per the rule of the World Handicap System, in order to obtain an Initial Handicap Index, you will need to submit completed scorecards from rounds played, which contain acceptable scores, to the Handicap Committee.

A score is acceptable for handicap purposes if the round has been played:

- In an authorized format of play over at least the minimum number of holes required for either a 9-hole or an 18-hole score to be acceptable.
- In the company of at least one other person, who may also act as a marker.
- By the Rules of Golf
- On a golf course with a current Course Rating and Slope Rating, where length and normal playing difficulty is maintained at a consistent level
- On a golf course during its active season

If one or more of the above requirements are not met, the score is not acceptable for handicap purposes.

A **minimum of 54 holes**, which can include combinations of 9-hole and 18-hole cards, is required for the Committee to assign you a Handicap Index. Please ensure that you have entered scores for all 54 holes played when the scorecards are being completed. **Only rounds played over 9-holes or 18 holes are acceptable. 12 hole and 14 hole rounds cannot be counted for Handicap purposes.**

Please ensure that your Name and the Date you played are clearly marked on your scorecards, and that both you and the marker of your scorecards has signed the cards in the appropriate positions.

The active season for Handicapping is from April to October. Rounds played from November to March cannot be counted for Handicap purposes as this is the Preferred Lies period, and the course playing conditions are not acceptable for Handicapping.

Once your Cards have been received and properly completed as per the above guidance, the Handicap Committee will work to assign you with your Handicap Index in a timely fashion.

Once you have been assigned a Handicap Index by the Committee you are expected to:

- Act with integrity by following the Rules of Handicapping and to refrain from using, or circumventing, the Rules of Handicapping for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage,
- Attempt to make the best score possible at each hole,
- Submit acceptable scores for handicap purposes as soon as possible after the round is completed and before midnight local time,
- Submit acceptable scores to provide reasonable evidence of your demonstrated ability,
- Play by the Rules of Golf, and
- Certify the scores of fellow players