

# CALLY LEAGUE NEWS

## **World Handicap System Update March 2024**

As you are no doubt aware, through communication from Scottish Golf, changes to the way in which individual players "Course Handicap" is calculated will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. Also taking effect from that date is clarification regarding "Team Match Play Allowance Application"

Following on from the above correspondence the executive of the Caledonian League considered it would be helpful to give guidance to member clubs as to what this means for the Caledonian League fourball better ball matches.

### **Players Course Handicap Calculation**

This can be established by players using their handicap index to look up their playing handicap by using the updated Course Handicap Charts, which every club will have displayed from 1<sup>st</sup> April, or by using the My Scottish Golf App and selecting the WHS Course Handicap Calculator and selecting the appropriate course and set of tees.

### **Team Match Play Allowance Application**

Fortunately, this has been clarified. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and individual players' handicap is 100% of the full Course Handicap- and then 90% of the difference is taken from the low player.

The Executive are aware that the above guidance may differ from that which is stated in the Caledonian League Constitution and Rules, however, it is our view that adopting the above is necessary to comply with WHS rules. The Executive will bring forward an amendment reflecting the changes at the next Annual General Meeting.

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