

Here is an extract from England Golf re the introduction using Course Rating – Par (“CR-Par”) to calculate Course Handicaps, which comes into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

1. **England Golf Course Handicap™ using CR-Par:** Since its inception, WHS™ has embraced the many ways golf is played around the world. To align with other Countries, there will be a change in the way we calculate Course Handicaps so that they are relative to par, making a golfer’s target score to “play to handicap” more intuitive.
2. **Rounding:** As of April 2024, for competition purposes, the calculated and unrounded Course Handicap™ will be carried through to the Playing Handicap calculation using machine precision. For general play score submission, the golfer will continue to use the calculated and rounded Course Handicap™.

What is proposed for EPiC members and Guests?

Firstly, EPiC propose not to adopt the refinement outlined in 2 above as members and guests checking their “Playing Handicap” against a particular course card may find anomalies due to the rounding.

This will mean that the current Course Handicap calculated as WHS x “Slope Rating” divided by 113 will from April 1st 2024 be adjusted by the difference between CR (Course Rating) and Par (Called “CR-Par”) for the course and marker in question. The result will be rounded to the nearest integer. Then the Playing Handicap at 95% will be calculated and again rounded to the nearest integer.

See the table below for a selection of “Playing Handicaps” for 2024

EPiC GOLFING SOCIETY	Predicted Handicaps after April 2024				WHS Handicap					
	Slope	Course Rating	Par	CR-P	5	10	15	20	25	30
					Playing Handicap					
Moor Park	138	71.9	72	-0.1	6	11	17	23	29	35
Ashridge	120	69.1	72	-2.9	2	8	12	17	23	28
Berkhampstead	136	70.2	71	-0.8	5	10	16	22	28	33
Harleyford	125	71.2	72	-0.8	5	10	15	20	26	30
Sandy Lodge	126	69.9	71	-1.1	4	10	15	20	26	30
Note:- Playing handicaps are 95% x Rounded (WHS x Slope / 113 + (CR-P)) and then rounded to nearest integer										

Thus, in all instances we will all have a reduced handicap in 2024 compared to 2023, of the amount shown in the CR-P column.

It is further proposed that the remaining few EPiC members and any guests who don’t have WHS Handicaps will, in the interests of fairness, also be adjusted as though their handicaps were WHS. This is a change to EPiC for 2024.

Resolution to be put to the AGM on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024