



# ST. PATRICK'S GOLF CLUB DOWNPATRICK

## GETTING A HANDICAP

Before issuing a new member with a handicap we will require some information to enable us to get you started as quickly as possible with a handicap that meets your playing ability.

Please read the Notes for Guidance, complete and return the form below to the Office.

<b>Name</b>		<b>Age</b>	
<b>Contact details</b>	Mobile No	Home No	
<b>Email Address</b>		<b>GUI No.</b>	<b>1129 .....</b>
<b>Membership Type</b>	Full, Juvenile, Outport, Lady Associate, etc		
<b>Past Golf Experience &amp; Relevant Info</b>			
Info shall include <u>All</u> current or previous handicap(s) held at an affiliated club or with a Society			
<b>SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY</b> AND UNDERTAKE THE ACTIONS IDENTIFIED [REFER TO GUIDANCE NOTES]			
<b>Option 1</b> Applies	TICK	<b>Action: See Guidance Note 1.</b> <i>Submit 3 Score cards [together] to the relevant Competition Box. Mark "FOR HANDICAP"</i>	
<b>Option 2</b> Applies	TICK	I am currently a member of .....	
		My Current Handicap is .....	
		SPGCD will be my 'Home' club (Yes / No) .....	
<b>Action: See Guidance Note 2</b>			
<b>Option 3</b> Applies	TICK	<b>Action: See Guidance Note 3</b>	
<b>ADMIN ONLY</b>			
Allocated H/C		COMMENTS / DATE	

## **NOTES FOR GUIDANCE**

New members will as a rule fall into one of the following 3 categories.

### **Option 1. I have never had an Official Handicap**

If this is your first time as a member of a golf club you will be required to submit 3 score cards (signed by a marker). To assist us we would ask that you submit the **3 cards together** to the Competition Box in the Members Bar. (Ladies to the Competition box in the Ladies Locker Room)

Please indicate if you played off **white** or **green** (Ladies Red) markers. Ensure the date, your signature and that of your marker is recorded on each card. The name of the marker shall be legible to allow if necessary the Handicap Committee to discuss your playing ability further.

The Handicap Secretary will issue a handicap that reflects your scores and your potential to improve. You may not enter a competition until a handicap has been issued to you however you may book a tee time on the competition sheet and submit the score for handicap. In these circumstances please ensure you mark the card "**FOR HANDICAP**".

### **Option 2. I am remaining a member of another club and have a current handicap.**

If you are a member of more than one golf club you must designate one club as your "*Home Club*". You must advise us which club this is. You are not allowed to have a handicap from more than one club.

If St.Patrick's Golf Club Downpatrick is taking over the administration of your handicap we will require your playing records and you must inform the other club(s) of our new status as your "*Home Club*". It is however preferable that such a change is undertaken at the end of the playing season.

### **Option 3. I had a handicap with my last club**

If St.Patrick's Golf Club Downpatrick is to be your only club you must provide handicap details from your previous club before a handicap can be issued.

If a period of 6 months has elapsed since you left your previous club you may also be requested to submit 3 scorecards. (See requirements of Option 1 above). Discuss this with our Handicap Secretary. Further information on handicaps can be found at [www.congu.com](http://www.congu.com).

NOTE: If there are any physical factors that could impact on your golfing ability please let us know.

Men shall return this form with their subscription (to Elaine) or to the Men's Competition Box in the Members Lounge.

Ladies shall return this form with their subscription (to Elaine) or to the Ladies Competition Box in the ladies Locker Room.

If you require clarification on any matter please contact the Handicapper or Competition Conveyor through the office.