

# **INTERNATIONAL BLIND GOLF ASSOCIATION HANDICAP POLICY - APPENDIX (Handicaps Website)**

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**IBGA Handicaps Website address: <https://ibgahandicaps.com>**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The International Blind Golf Association (IBGA) Handicaps website contains key information on players, in particular sight classification and handicap information.
- 1.2 Logging in to the website can be done by:
  - Non-IBGA members: By using the guest login username and password credentials provided on the home page (both set to “guest”); or
  - IBGA members: By using the username and password provided by the IBGA Board to National Handicap Secretaries.
- 1.3 The following web pages are available, and can be accessed via the tabs on the top of the page:
  - Sight (Classification) List (accessible to members & non-members), showing: ID number; name, gender; sight classification; country and status.
  - Handicap List (only available to members), showing – for active members only – IBGA handicap index; number of scores recorded; WHS handicap index; as well as all of the information shown on the Sight List.
  - Score List (only available to members): Contains the details of all scores captured.
- 1.4 Filters are available at the top of the Sight List and Handicap List to allow one to search for specific subsets of information, such as specific player’s ID; name; statuses; sight categories or countries.
- 1.5 By clicking on a player in the Handicap List one is taken to the Member Details, which shows the details of the most recent (up to 20) scores for that player.

## **2. DESCRIPTION OF DATA FIELDS IN THE SIGHT AND HANDICAP LIST**

- 2.1 **GID:** This is a unique identification number allocated to each player once their sight classification has been confirmed as being B1, B2 or B3.
- 2.2 **IBGA Index:** This is the player’s handicap index as determined using the rules set out for IBGA handicap indexes. The IBGA Index is updated every time new qualifying scores are captured.
- 2.3 **Recent Scores:** The count of all of the player’s scores captured on the site in the last 24 months. The maximum number of such scores is 20.

- 2.4 Total Scores: The total number of the player’s scores captured on the site (and used to calculate the player’s IBGA Index) . The maximum number of such scores is 20.
- 2.5 WHS Index: This is the player’s official WHS handicap index. The WHS Index is only updated on the website as and when Handicap Secretaries provide such information to the IBGA Handicap Committee and when Handicap Secretaries submit qualifying scores for players’ IBGA handicaps. It is thus important for event organisers to ask players for proof of their current WHS index where it is to be used in a competition (as the website may not contain the most up-to-date information).
- 2.6 Use WHS: This field indicates either “Yes” or “No” and indicates whether the player’s WHS Index meets the requirements stipulated by the IBGA to be used in IBGA-sponsored events. The IBGA Handicap Committee will update this field from time to time as and when it has approved a player’s WHS for use.
- 2.7 Status: This indicates player’s playing status. For example: Active; Inactive; Pending or Suspended.
- Newly classified players will be loaded as Pending prior to their first qualifying score being captured.
  - Only players with an Active status will appear on the Handicaps List. No other players have handicaps approved for use in IBGA-sponsored events.

### **3. DESCRIPTION OF DATA FIELDS IN THE MEMBER DETAILS**

- 3.1 Rating: The course rating for the set of tees played.
- 3.2 Slope: The slope rating for the set of tees played.
- 3.3 Score: The player’s adjusted gross score (as described in the IBGA Handicap Policy).
- 3.4 Differential: A field calculated as:
- $$(\text{Score} - \text{Rating}) \times 113 \div \text{Slope}$$
- This figure is then rounded to one decimal place.
- 3.5 Used: Indicates whether or not the particular score has been used in the calculation of the player’s IBGA Index.
- 3.6 Data viewing options on this page are as follows:
- When the Member Details are first accessed the scores (and related information) appear in a table, with the most recent score at the top.
  - By clicking on the “Show graph” tab at the top of the table the Scores and Differentials can be viewed in a graph (starting with the oldest scores on the left, with Scores shown in blue blocks on top and Differentials in green blocks underneath). A red line indicates which scores are used in the calculation of the IBGA Index.