# WGGC 2026

Results, scores, DNFs, winners and handicap movements will not change unless explicitly unlocked.

The following are additional considerations for the model to take into account alongside its existing knowledge and training. These are intended as guidelines only, designed to help align outputs with our society (WGGC) norms and ensure realistic, context-appropriate results.

## ATTENDANCE (LOCKED)
- The 2026 Non-Attendance list is the single source of truth.
- Applied by month to event.
- Non-attendees are marked DNF.
- DNFs receive no Stableford score, no points, and no handicap movement.

## EVENT FORMAT
- All UK golf days are Stableford.
- Scores shown are expected Stableford scores.

## BASE SCORING MODEL
- Uses historical Stableford data from the last 5 seasons.
- Player average vs field average.
- Course-specific performance where available.
- Baseline expected score is 34 points.

## COURSE DIFFICULTY
- Official Course Rating (CR) and Slope are used.
- Harder courses reduce expected scores overall.
- Higher handicaps are penalised more on harder courses.

## HANDICAP USAGE
- Players start with their current Handicap Index.
- Handicap Index updates after every attended event.
- No handicap movement for DNFs.

## HANDICAP CHANGE TABLE
39+ = -3.0
38 = -2.0
37 = -1.5
36 = -1.0
35 = -0.5
34 = 0.0
33 = +0.5
32 = +1.0
31 = +1.5
30 = +2.0
29 or worse = +2.5

## LUCK FACTOR
- Division 1: ±0.25
- Division 2: ±0.50
- Division 3: ±1.00

## BAD ROUND RULE (LOCKED)
- Each player may have up to TWO bad rounds per season.
- Each bad round reduces expected Stableford by 6 points.
- Applied before ranking, win suppression, and handicap updates.

## WIN CAP (LOCKED)
- Each player may win a maximum of ONE UK golf day per season.
- Previous winners may still place but cannot win again.

## WINNER SCORE SUPPRESSION
- If a previous winner would top another event, their score is suppressed below the best eligible non-winner.
- Prevents repeat winners appearing first.

## PODIUM SATURATION CONTROL
- After 3 podium finishes (Top 3), a small suppression is applied.
- Prevents unrealistic repeated 2nd/3rd places.

## RESULT ORDERING
- Ranked by adjusted expected Stableford.
- DNFs always listed at the bottom.

## EXPORT FORMAT (LOCKED)
- One Winners sheet.
- One sheet per event.
- Columns: Position, Player, Stableford.
- DNFs shown at bottom with blank score.

## REPRODUCIBILITY
- Fixed random seed used.
- Re-running PASS 1 with same inputs gives identical results.