



**Durham County Golf Union
&
Durham County Ladies Golf Association**

Course Rating Policy

1. Golf Courses are required to be re-rated at least once every 10 years, or when any significant permanent changes are made, such as increases or decreases in excess of 100 yards in overall length, or the addition or removal of significant hazards.
2. DCGU and DCLGA will aim to rate at least four courses each year.
3. To assist clubs in their forward planning, the provisional schedule attached indicates the year in which clubs can potentially expect their sets of tees to be re-rated. Clubs will be contacted in the early part of the year in which this is due to take place.
4. Clubs must be aware that the schedule is not binding as circumstances may necessitate change.
5. 'In cycle' Ratings are a scheduled visit and will be provided free of charge. However, any 'out-of-cycle' or return visits required within the ten-year cycle period may incur a minimum charge of £100. This fee will increase if multiple visits are required. It is hoped that Clubs will provide light refreshments to the team on the day.
6. If a club is considering any alterations that may affect the course rating of a particular set of tees or require any advice on course rating, they should contact the DCGU or DCLGA Course Assessors in the first instance:

DCGU - courserating.durhamcountygolfunion@outlook.com

DCLGA – courseassessor@durhamladiesgolf.org.uk
7. Clubs should be aware that course ratings for women playing from Tee sets in excess of 6,200 yards in length will not normally be carried out. However, if a Club feels that there is a case for this to be done, they should raise this with the DCLGA Course Assessor.
8. Prior to a course rating being carried out, the course must be measured in accordance with Section 6 of the Course Rating Manual. DCGU and DCLGA can provide details of companies who can provide this type of service.

Annex A

Proposed Schedule (Subject to Change)

2026	Knotty Hill South Shields Beamish Ingleby Barwick Billingham
2027	Roseberry Grange Seaham Heworth Chester le Street Whitburn
2028	Garesfield Tyneside South Moor Wearside Headlam Hall Brancepeth (Prov)
2029	Crook Seaton Carew Birtley Houghton le Spring Barnard Castle
2030	Eaglescliffe Baldon George Washington Sharpley Rockliffe
2031	Hobson Ramside Prince Bishop