



Application for Course Ratings - Formal, Provisional and Temporary

To enable scores to be returned for handicapping purposes, affiliated courses must be rated under The Course Rating System run in conjunction with the World Handicap System.

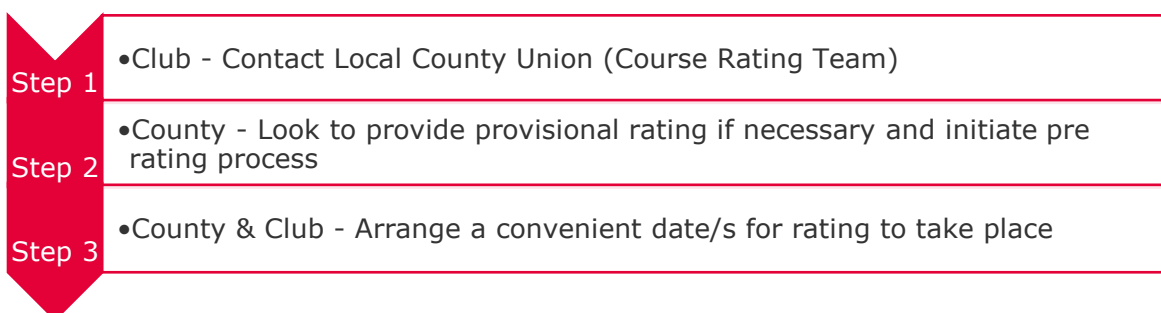
Courses should be rated at least every 10 years, or every 5 years for newer courses. Any significant changes to the course in between should be notified to your County Union to determine if a re-rating is required.

It is important that golf clubs work directly with their County rating team, who will be happy to explain the rating process and any requirements in detail.

No Course/ Slope Rating

If you are looking to have your course/a set of tees formally rated for the first time you must contact your local County Union. They will be able to advise you. You will need a measurement certificate dated within the last 10 years and which represents the current course set-up.

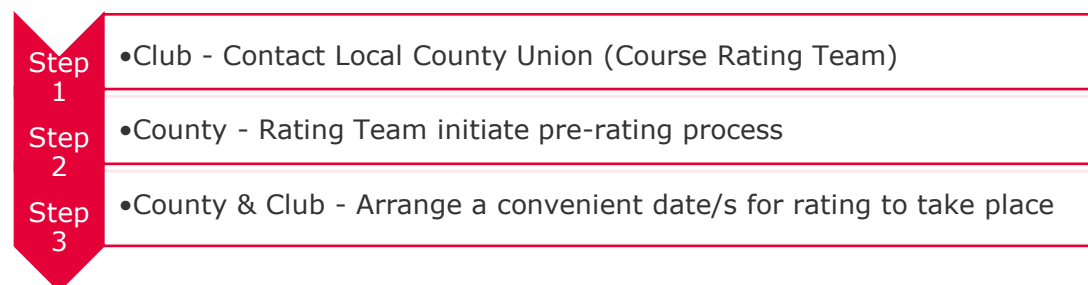
A Provisional Rating can be issued until such time as a formal rating visit can be scheduled.





Only have a Provisional Rating

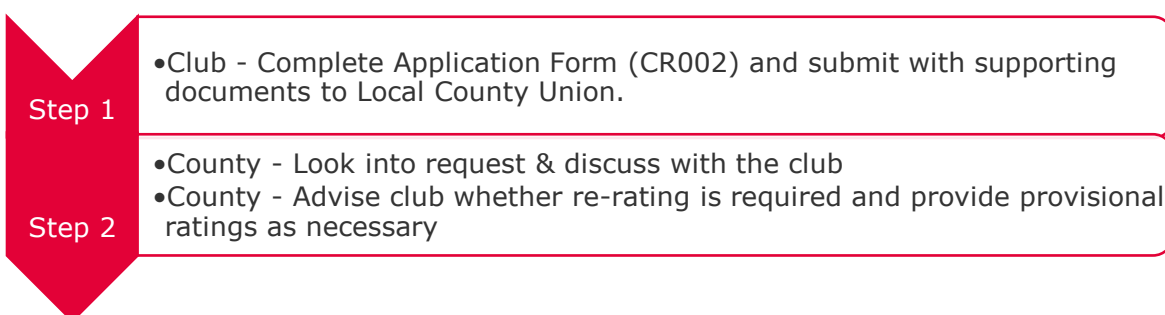
If you have been issued with a provisional rating you must contact your local County Union to establish when the formal rating is likely to take place. The aim is to do this within 2 years of the provisional rating being issued.



Planning Course Changes

If you are planning to make changes to your course you are required to complete an '**Application for Course Re-rating (CR002)**', and submit this to your County Union so they can investigate the potential impact of the changes and decide what further action, if any, may be required.

If changes affect the length of any holes or the total length of the course, then a new measurement certificate must also be provided.



Gender-free Tees

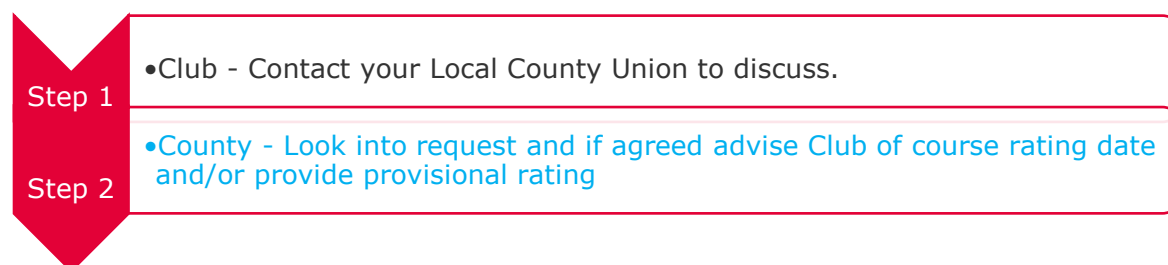
If you already have a Course and Slope Rating for a tee for one gender and wish to have the same tee rated for the opposite gender, this may be possible. You should consult with your County Union in the first instance to discuss.

England Golf **does not** recommend that tees more than 6100 yards are rated for women, (unless these are the only available tees), without due consideration for the players that will be using the tees and the resulting impact on handicapping.



Requests will be considered on their merits but the final decision lies with England Golf.

If the request is agreed it is possible that initially a provisional rating will be issued, with a formal rating to follow later.



Temporary changes of no more than 300 yards to a course/tee set with an existing rating

There are situations whereby the course has to be adjusted for a specific reason, such as course maintenance or course development. Such a change must be temporary and for a limited period.

A Temporary Rating can only be given for an existing set of tees with a previously issued provisional or formal rating.

Should this type of change be required the club must submit the '**Application for Temporary Rating (CR003)**' to England Golf **not less than 7 days** prior to the change coming into force to ensure that the necessary adjustments can be calculated as per the Rules of Handicapping Appendix G, and for the changes to be made within the England Golf WHS platform.

