

Submit your score

Submit your score in accordance with Club procedures **as soon as possible** after you **have completed your round**. It must be certified by a marker.



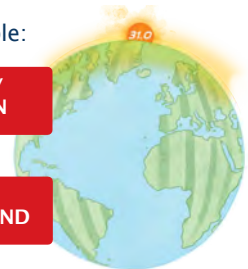
The prompt submission of your score is important as it will enable:



Your score to be included in the daily
PLAYING CONDITIONS CALCULATION

and

Your Handicap Index to be
UPDATED READY FOR YOUR NEXT ROUND



Playing Conditions Calculation

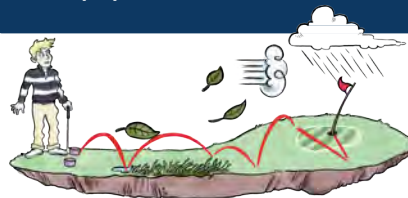
At the end of each day, a **playing conditions calculation (PCC)** takes place automatically, behind the scenes, to determine if scores made at the course were **significantly** higher or lower than expected.

If scores were unusually low or high, a PCC adjustment between **-1 and +3** will be applied to your score differential calculation to reflect the playing conditions on the day.

A negative (-) adjustment means the course played easier than normal.



A positive (+) adjustment means the course played more difficult than normal.



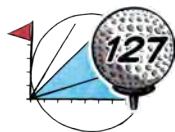
A PCC of 0 means the course played as expected, which will be the case more often than not.

Calculation of Score Differential

Once the PCC is determined, your final score differential will be calculated—representing the handicap you 'played to' for that round relative to the difficulty of the course played, as determined by the Course Rating and Slope Rating, and the playing conditions.



Course Rating



Slope Rating



A score of 80 on a difficult course may result in a lower score differential than a 77 on an easier one.

Likewise:

A high score on a day when conditions are challenging may result in a lower score differential, which has the potential to become one of the best 8 within your scoring record.



Basic calculation

A Handicap Index is designed to represent your demonstrated ability.

It is calculated by averaging the best 8 score differentials out of the most recent 20 within your scoring record.

The player's	15.8		
Handicap Index	17.9		
in this example	17.9		
is calculated as	18.0	+	
follows:	9.1		= 124.2 ÷ 8
	14.3		= <u>15.6</u>
	18.2		
	13.0		
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	= 124.2		

Player Scoring Record			
Score	CR	Slope	Diff.
92	71.1	128	18.5
93	71.8	127	18.9
93	71.9	130	17.9
94	71.8	132	19.0
93	70.1	130	19.3
94	71.7	128	17.9
94	71.5	129	18.0
98	73.1	133	21.2
97	71.8	127	18.1
97	72.8	128	14.1
97	71.9	131	21.7
98	72.9	132	18.2
94	68.8	129	22.1
99	72.2	137	22.1
99	72.2	137	13.9
98	69.0	137	23.9
101	70.8	135	25.3
101	71.0	133	25.5



If your round is exceptional

If a score produces a score differential that is 7.0 strokes or better than your Handicap Index at the time the round is played, it is subject to an exceptional score reduction.

If the score differential is between 7.0 and 9.9 strokes better, your Handicap Index will be reduced by 1.0 stroke.

If the score differential is 10.0 or more strokes better, your Handicap Index will be reduced by 2.0 strokes.



If your Handicap Index is going up

Even the best players struggle from time to time – and although form changes, a player's underlying ability does not change rapidly.

To prevent your Handicap Index from increasing too quickly, every time it is updated, the 8 of 20 calculation is compared to the lowest Handicap Index that you have achieved during the last 365 days.



If the difference is more than 3.0 strokes:

A soft cap will be applied, which slows down the rate of increase.

If the difference is more than 5.0 strokes:

A hard cap will prevent any additional upward movement after the soft cap is applied.

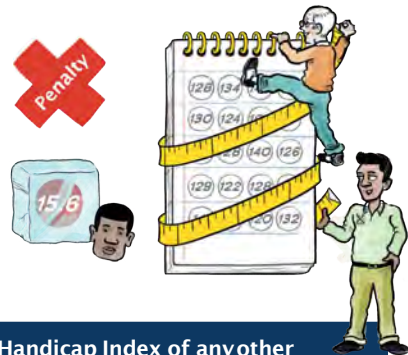


The Handicap Committee may override the cap in exceptional circumstances, such as injury.

Safeguards

The Rules of Handicapping include a range of safeguards to protect the field and to mitigate against any player that might try to circumvent the Rules in order to gain an advantage. **These include:**

- Handicap Committee Review
- Application of a penalty score for failure to submit a score
- Adjusting a Handicap Index to more accurately reflect the player's ability
- Freezing a Handicap Index for a period of time
- Withdrawing a Handicap Index



If you ever feel that your Handicap Index or the Handicap Index of any other golfer needs to be reviewed, contact your golf club or Handicap Committee.

Now that you can track your progress and play with others on a fair basis, you just need to enjoy yourself the next time you tee it up...

and don't forget to submit your score.

Keep up-to-date with the latest news about the World Handicap System at:

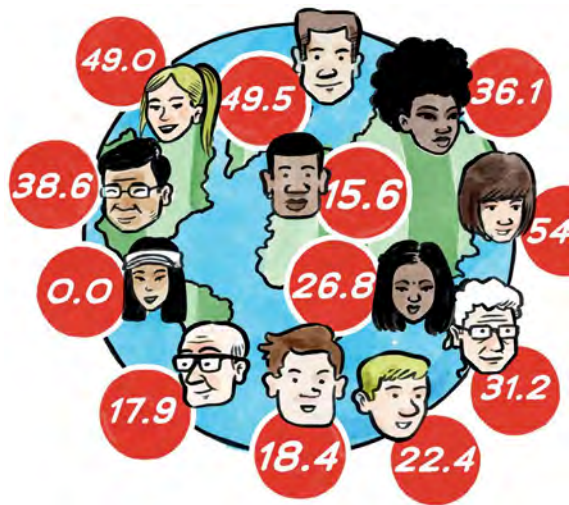
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