

LGA OPENING DAY MEETING 2018

Handicap Index and Course Handicap

- An index reflects a player's potential ability on a course of standard difficulty.
- An index is a number taken to one decimal place. (10.2)
- Course Handicap indicates the number of handicap strokes a player receives from a specific set of tees at the course being played to adjust the player's scoring ability to the level of a scratch or zero handicap golfer.
- Course Handicap is a number that has been converted from HI to CH based on the slope rating for a specific set of tees.
- Example: Black Bear, Red tees, slope 132, handicap index 20.0
$$20.0 \times 132 / 113 = 23.3 \text{ or } 23$$
- Course Handicap is rounded to the nearest whole number.
- A golfer is expected to play to their course handicap only 20-25% of the time.

Rate/Slope

- True or False: the higher the slope rating the more difficult the golf course? Both – depends on the level of golfer
- Slope rating tells how difficult the course is for a bogey golfer compared to a scratch golfer.
- Course rating indicates the difficulty for a scratch golfer.

Calculate Handicap Differential (10-1)

- On stat sheet: date, score, rate/slope Diff.
- Handicap differential = Adjusted Gross Score – USGA Course Rating x 113 (average course rating) / by slope.
- Differential is rounded to the nearest tenth.
- Example: Blackstone, Red tees, slope 136, score 92
$$92 - 70.2 = 21.8$$
$$20.8 \times 113 = 2463.4$$
$$2463.4 / 136 = 18.113 \text{ or } 18.1$$

Adjusting Hole Scores (4-1)

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- All scores for handicap purposes, must be posted.

Incomplete Rounds

- If played 7-12 holes post a 9 - hole score
- If played 13 + holes post an 18 - hole score
- For all holes not completed – record par + handicap strokes a player is entitled to.

Example: A 18 CH player, completed holes 1-15

Hole 16 – par 3 score posted - 4

Hole 17 – par 5 score posted - 6

Hole 18 – par 4 score posted - 5

Most Likely Score

- A player who starts but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke, must record the *most likely score* for handicap purposes.
- Match play, interclub team matches.
- Most Likely Score is a judgement that each player must make based on the player's own game.
- MLS is the number of strokes already taken plus, in the players best judgement, the number of strokes needed to complete the hole from that position more than 50% of the time.
- Your Most Likely Score can not exceed your ESC score.