

Summary of the World Handicap System (WHS) Rules of Handicapping presented by the USGA and NCGA November 2019

WHS includes the following:

1. Rules of Handicapping
2. Course Rating System

The purpose of which is to obtain and maintain a Handicap Index.

Course Ratings (CR)- No change

Slope - No change

Course Handicap is now calculated using the formula:

$$(Index \times Slope) / 113 + (CR - Par)$$
$$(15 \times 128) / 113 + (72 - 70) = 17 + 2 = \mathbf{19}$$

Minimum Scores To Obtain a Handicap Index

54 holes including any combination of 9 or 18 hole scores

Maximum Index

54.0

Maximum Score for Handicap Purposes

The maximum score on any given hole when posting a score is no longer called Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). It is now called **NET DOUBLE BOGEY.**

$$Par + 2 \text{ Strokes} + \text{Strokes (Dots)} = \text{Maximum Score}$$
$$4 + 2 + 1 = 7$$

Refer to tables and examples on pages 21 -25

Handicap Index Calculation

1. Minimum # of Scores 3
2. # of differentials used - 8 of last 20 scores
3. Playing Condition Calculation (PCC)
4. Exceptional Score Reduction (ESR)
5. Soft Cap – Hard Cap

Calculation of a Score Differential

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{Adjusted Gross Score} - \text{Course Rating}) \times 113 / \text{Slope} = \text{Diff} \\ & (95 - 71.5) \times 113 / 125 = 21.2 \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of Handicap Index – 8 Scores

Average lowest 8 of most recent 20 score differentials and rounded to the nearest tenth. A table on page 37 provides for the calculation for 3 or more scores.

Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC)

When adverse weather conditions or abnormal course set-up causes scores to be unusually high or low on a given day a PCC will adjust differentials. Probably will not be a factor in California and will occur transparently in the computer software.

Exceptional Score Reduction (ESR) pp. 44-45

ESR considers ALL scores, rather than only Tournament Scores.

The differential is compared to the current handicap index.

A differential of -7.0 to -9.9 will result in an adjustment of 1 stroke.

A differential of -10.0 plus will result in an adjustment of 2 strokes.

Daily Revisions

A handicap index will update the day after a score(s) is posted.

Home Club

A player should have ONE Home Club. A Home Club is determined by the player and is typically determined by where the player submits the most scores or demonstrates regularity of play