

ACCEPTABLE SCORES

Following on from course and slope ratings last week, this week we will look at acceptable scores under the new World Handicapping System.

Acceptable Scores for Handicap Purposes

- All 9 hole and 18 hole Singles Competition Rounds in **Authorised Formats** (see table below) must be submitted for handicap purposes, subject to the competition being played to the Rules of Golf and over the measured length of the course.
- Scores from team competitions and match play will not be acceptable in England initially, although this may change based on feedback from other jurisdictions that include those formats
- The recommendation from **England Golf** is that scores from regular organised social events (Swindles and roll-ups) in authorised formats are submitted but more information will follow on this. Our ladies roll up is not necessarily a regular organised event as there is no competition played and no prizes or entry fees, it represents dedicated tee slots for ladies to practice on a Tuesday morning. Ladies who want to submit a card for handicap purposes are able to do so if they pre-register.

Pre-registration

- Players are required to register their intention to submit a score from general (non-competition) play before starting the round
- Scores submitted from general play are called **Social Scores** and are like current Supplementary Scores

Minimum Number of Holes

- Scores may be submitted over **9 holes** or **18 holes**.
- All 9 holes must be played to submit a 9 hole score. It is anticipated that two 9 holes scores will be combined to produce one 18 hole score on the Scoring Record (awaiting clarification from CONGU/England Golf)
- An 18 hole score will count as long as 10 or more holes have been completed. Holes not played are recorded as Net Par or (Net Par + 1), depending on the number not played.

Adjusted Gross Score

- For handicap purposes a big score on any hole is reduced to Net Double Bogey, using the player's **Course Handicap**. Holes started, but not completed are also recorded as Net Double Bogey

Score Differential

- The Adjusted Gross Scores are compared with the **Course Rating** and then "de-sloped" to give the Score Differential for the round, which is added to the player's **Scoring Record**. This then becomes one of your last 20 rounds from which the best 8 are taken to generate your handicap index.

Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC)

- Determines if course and weather conditions on the day differed from normal to the extent that they significantly impacted players' performance
- It is calculated using all scores submitted on the course that day, as long as 8 or more golfers with a **Handicap Index** of less than 36 and a fully developed **Scoring Record** played

- It is conservative in nature and can increase the **Adjusted Gross Score** by 1 in easy conditions or decrease it by 1, 2 or 3 in difficult conditions

9 Hole Scores

A 9 hole Score Differential is calculated as

$$= [113 / 9 \text{ hole } \mathbf{Slope Rating}] \times [9 \text{ hole } \mathbf{Adjusted Gross Score} - 9 \text{ hole } \mathbf{Course Rating} - (0.5 \times \mathbf{PCC})]$$

As for last week, I have included a link to a video on acceptable scores, simply right click and open the hyperlink, this week the video only last for 1 minute and 4 seconds! Please ignore the bit in the video which relates to “active season” as this does not apply in England.

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/videos/2019/10/03/golf-world-handicap-system-acceptable-scores-6091782290001.html>

Alternatively I have included the relevant slides giving you detail for acceptable scores :

What Scores Can I Use?

Rounds played:

- In an authorized format of play;
- All Singles Competition Rounds are Mandatory (9 or 18 Holes)
- Any Social/ General play scores need to be pre registered to be acceptable.



Authorized Formats of Play

| Format of Play | Type of Round | Number of Holes | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---|----|---|
| Individual Stroke play | Organized competition | 9 | ✓ | 18 | ✓ |
| | General play | 9 | ✓ | 18 | ✓ |
| | Stableford - organized competition | 9 | ✓ | 18 | ✓ |
| | Stableford - general play | 9 | ✓ | 18 | ✓ |
| | Par / bogey - organized competition | 9 | ✓ | 18 | ✓ |
| | Par / bogey - general play | 9 | ✓ | 18 | ✓ |
| | Maximum Score - organized competition | 9 | ✓ | 18 | ✓ |
| | Maximum Score - general play | 9 | ✓ | 18 | ✓ |
| Four-Ball Stroke play | Organized competition | 9 | | 18 | |
| | General play | 9 | | 18 | |
| | Stableford - organized competition | 9 | | 18 | |
| | Stableford - general play | 9 | | 18 | |
| | Par / bogey - organized competition | 9 | | 18 | |
| | Par / bogey - general play | 9 | | 18 | |
| Individual Match play | Organized competition | 9 | | 18 | |
| | General play | 9 | | 18 | |
| Four-Ball Match play | Organized competition | 9 | | 18 | |
| | General play | 9 | | 18 | |

Pre-Registration

Within GB&I players are required to pre-register their intent to submit a score in general play for handicap purposes.

Such pre-registration must be made:

- Before the player starts the round, and
- In the manner prescribed by the club where the score is being played.

Recommend making the registration process as easy as possible.

The Committee should consider that scores from a regular, organized social event with other players (Swindles and roll up), is pre registered score and is to be included in the players scoring record.



Minimum Number of Holes

- If playing an 18 hole round and the player completes more than 9 holes, the score is added to the record.
- If playing a 9 hole round all holes must be played.
- If the minimum number of holes are not played the score is discarded and not included in the players record.



Hole scores may be adjusted:

- By Net Double Bogey for a high hole score.
- Or
- If all hole haven't played, recording a Net Par on the holes not played.

Exception: if less than 14 holes of an 18 hole round have been played, net par + 1 stroke must be added to the first hole not played and net par to the remaining unplayed holes

These adjustments are made using the Course Handicap and will be applied by the computer.



Basic Calculation of a Score Differential

$$\text{Score differential} = (113 \div \text{Slope Rating}) \times (\text{Adjusted gross score} - \text{Course Rating})$$

Examples:

A player's adjusted gross score is 95 on a course with Course Rating of 71.5 and Slope Rating of 125.

The player's score differential is:

| | | | | |
|------------------|---|---------------|---|--------------------|
| $(113 \div 125)$ | X | $(95 - 71.5)$ | = | Score Differential |
| 0.904 | | 23.5 | | 21.2 |

A player's adjusted gross score is 97 on a course with Course Rating of 73.8 and Slope Rating of 140.

The player's score differential is:

| | | | | |
|------------------|---|---------------|---|--------------------|
| $(113 \div 140)$ | X | $(97 - 73.8)$ | = | Score Differential |
| 0.807 | | 23.2 | | 18.7 |

Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC)

Abnormal playing conditions can be caused by weather and/or course set-up.

The PCC assesses whether playing conditions on the day were 'normal' or significantly harder or easier than normal.



*Score
Differential*

=

*(113 ÷
Slope Rating)*

x

*(adjusted gross score -
Course Rating - PCC adjustment)*