

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

Calculation of Playing Handicap

Your Handicap Index provides a portable representation of your playing ability. But some courses are harder than others



That's why, when you go out on course, your Handicap Index is converted to a Playing Handicap

First, your Index is adjusted by the Slope Rating of the course you're playing



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Slope Rating



Handicap Allowance (90%)

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Lastly, the applicable Handicap Allowance for your chosen format of play is applied



Playing Handicap

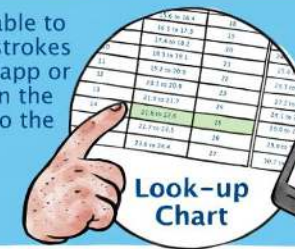
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You can play with or against any other golfer on a fair and equal basis, in any format of play, on any course

Handicap Allowance (90%)



Normally, you'll be able to find the number of strokes you'll receive via an app or on a look-up chart in the clubhouse or close to the first tee



Look-up Chart



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A great round of golf can be a one-off, but sometimes it demonstrates that a player can score significantly better than their current Handicap Index would suggest.



Exceptional Scores

The Rules of Handicapping, include additional adjustments within the handicap calculation when a player submits a score at least 7 strokes below their Handicap Index at the time the round was played. This is an exceptional score and merits an additional adjustment of -1 to the updated Handicap Index.



When the adjustment is considered excessive for a player, the Handicap Committee can override it, helping ensure the Handicap Index truly reflects a player's ability



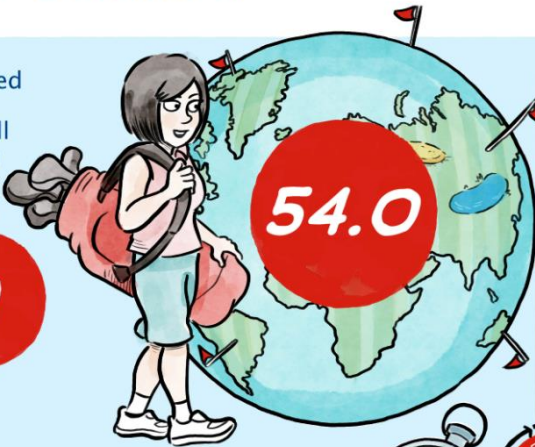
Or -2 when the score is more than 10 strokes below.

The application of this adjustment, to all of the scores within the player's scoring record, ensures that the exceptional score continues to be reflected within the player's Handicap Index for at least 20 scores.



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The World Handicap System is designed to be inclusive and accessible to new golfers. They need only submit a small number of scores, in any combination of 9 or 18-hole scores, to obtain an initial Handicap Index- the maximum being 54.0



Maximum Handicap Index

54.0

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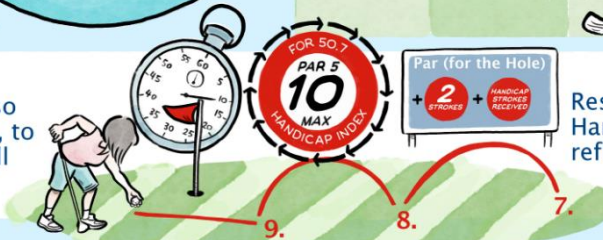
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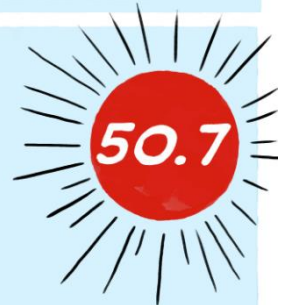
Offering a Handicap Index up to 54.0 provides greater incentives for new golfers to keep playing.

This presents realistic, achievable targets each time they play and allows them to track their progress within the game

The competitions offered should also accommodate all levels of handicap, to give everyone a chance of doing well and having fun.



Responsive updates ensure a Handicap Index continues to reflect a player's golfing ability.



competitions for different handicap ranges

0-18 19-36 37-54



To ensure continued enjoyment of the game for all golfers, Club Committees should encourage proper etiquette and a good pace of play, reminding players they can pick up when appropriate if the format of play allows.



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Course and Weather Conditions Calculation

Course Ratings and Slope Ratings measure course difficulty under normal conditions

Course Rating: 71.8
 Slope Rating: 127

But, as every golfer knows...

Not every day is normal – factors such as weather and course set-up can change the way a golf course plays

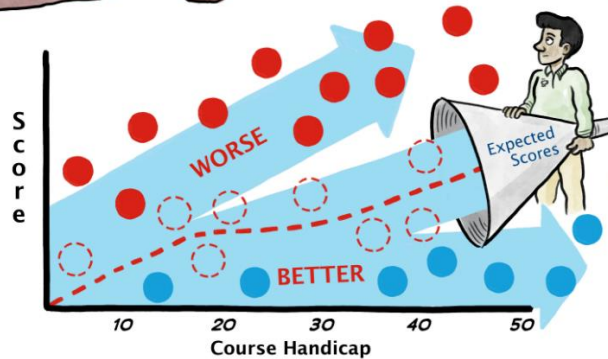
None of these things should affect the integrity of your Handicap Index.

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The result is a higher score on a tough day may still count as a good score and may be used to calculate your updated Handicap Index – ensuring it continues to reflect your ability

HIGH SCORE TOUGH DAY = GOOD SCORE

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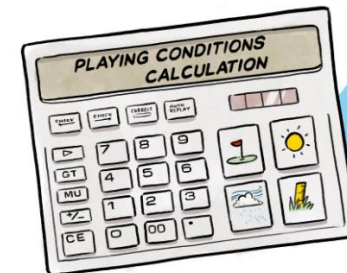


But if the PCC shows players have performed significantly better or worse than expected, the calculation automatically adjusts score differentials accordingly

The PCC compares actual scores against expected scores. If scores submitted match expectations, no adjustment is made.

- Expected Scores
- Match Expected Scores
- Better
- Worse

To ensure they don't, a Playing Conditions Calculation is carried out automatically for each course, each day, provided at least eight eligible players have submitted acceptable scores.



MINIMUM NUMBER

ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

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Maximum Hole Score for Handicap Purposes

The Handicap Index should always reflect your demonstrated ability.



But on occasion even the best golfers have bad days and bad holes.



The Net Double Bogey Adjustment sets a maximum score on any hole for handicap purposes.

Ensuring bad holes don't impact your Handicap Index too severely.



Working out your Net Double Bogey score on a hole is simple and calculated as follows:



...but thanks to the Net Double Bogey adjustment you can still submit an acceptable score for handicap purposes.



A bad hole might mean you can no longer win the competition...



That keeps your game, and the game of everyone else on the course, moving along.



Where the format of play allows, you should pick up your ball when you reach this maximum hole score.

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Responsive Handicap Index Updates

Updated daily, your Handicap Index is designed to give you a responsive, real-time reflection of your demonstrated golfing ability.



By submitting scores as soon as possible after your round, you ensure your score is incorporated into the course's daily playing conditions calculation.

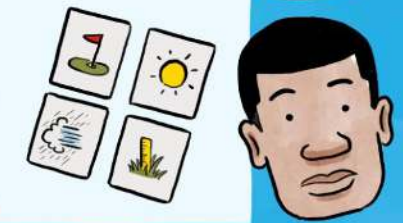


Even when playing away from your home club, you should submit your score promptly.



However many times you play today – and wherever you play your round – your updated Handicap Index should be ready for you to use tomorrow, or soon after, giving you the strokes you need to enjoy your game.

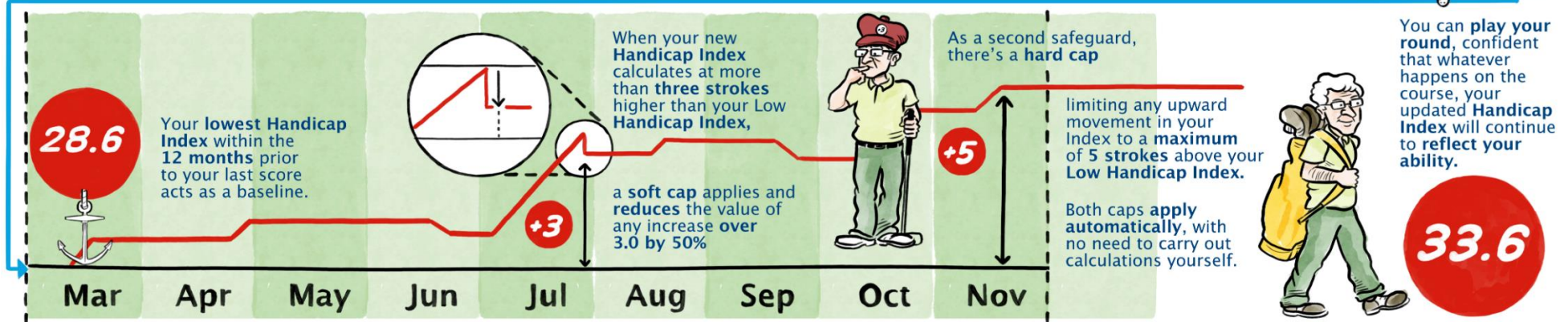
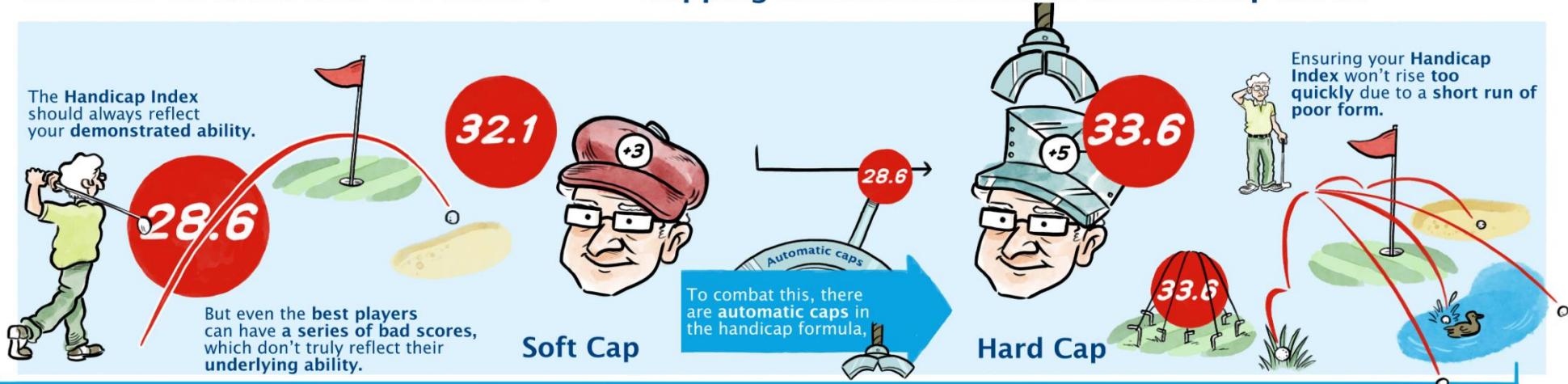
If playing another round before your Handicap Index is updated, the Handicap Committee can decide which Playing Handicap will be used for that round.



If you are unable to submit your score on the day of play, the Playing Conditions Calculation for the day will still be applied when your score is submitted.

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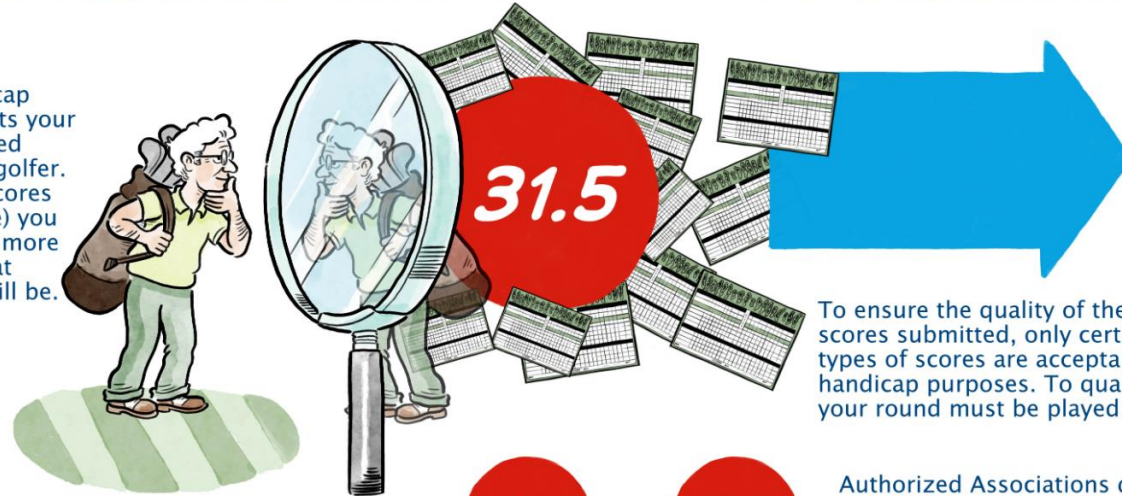
Capping Excessive Increases in Handicap Index



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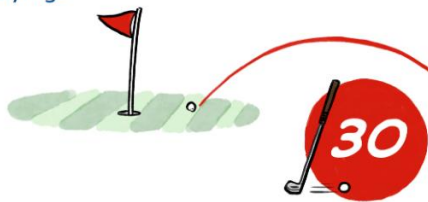
Scores Acceptable for Handicap Purposes

Your Handicap Index reflects your demonstrated ability as a golfer. The more scores (or evidence) you submit, the more accurate that reflection will be.



To ensure the quality of the scores submitted, only certain types of scores are acceptable for handicap purposes. To qualify, your round must be played:

Having a Handicap Index that truly reflects your ability gives you the strokes you need to do well and maximize your enjoyment - whoever or wherever you are playing.



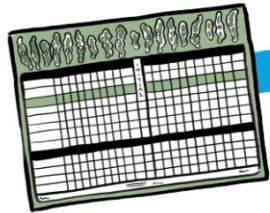
Authorized Associations decide which scores should be submitted, from a wide range of different formats, so that submitting a score for handicap purposes needn't be a special occasion.



- According to the Rules of Golf
- In an authorized format of play
- Over a minimum number of holes
- With at least one other person
- On a course with a current Course Rating and Slope Rating
- During an active season

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Timely Submission of Scores



The prompt submission of acceptable scores from authorized formats of play is an important part of ensuring the integrity of your Handicap Index



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If you fail to submit a score promptly when required, the Handicap Committee will determine whether there was a valid reason, such as forgetfulness or injury



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If the reason was valid and an acceptable score is still discoverable, that score will be posted to your scoring record and your Handicap Index updated

In the most serious cases, such as repeated failure to submit acceptable scores, the Handicap Committee has discretion to apply an additional penalty score, reset the player's Handicap Index or consider other disciplinary procedures



If the score is not discoverable, the Handicap Committee may post a penalty score

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If there was no valid reason and an acceptable score is discoverable, the Handicap Committee will post that score to your scoring record.

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The Handicap Index should always reflect a player's demonstrated ability

To ensure this, it is strongly recommended that Handicap Committees review the Handicap Index for all their home club members at least once each calendar year

Handicap Committee Review

When reviewing each Handicap Index, the Handicap Committee should consider all available information about a player before deciding whether any adjustments are required

Regular handicap reviews help ensure the game is played on a fair and equal basis for all members, wherever they are playing and whoever they are playing against

Additionally, the Handicap Committee has power to withdraw or reinstate a player's Handicap Index in certain circumstances, or to adjust it due to a player's temporary or permanent disability

A player's Handicap Index may be adjusted upwards or downwards. The Committee may also freeze it, or place a block on it moving upwards, for a defined period