

# HANDICAP INFORMATION

**Handicaps are a numerical measure of a golfer's potential that are used to enable players of varying abilities to compete against one another. Better players are those with the lowest handicaps. Here are the Handicap definitions:**

## **HANDICAP INDEX:**

Handicap Indexes are updated the day after a score is posted, at midnight local time. This number is calculated by the best 8 scores of the last 20 scores posted to GHIN. So, for example your calculated Handicap Index is 17.5. Note, the number is listed with a decimal point.

## **COURSE HANDICAP:**

A Course Handicap represents the number of strokes needed to play to par from the tees being played. This is the number used to adjust hole scores for net double bogey or net par. This number or Course Handicap gives you your "pops or dots" on your card. Note, this is a whole number e.g. Course Handicap is 16.

## **PLAYING HANDICAP:**

A Playing Handicap is the actual number of strokes you receive or give during a round and is the number used for the purpose of the game or competition. This number is often the same as a Course Handicap, however, if a handicap allowance is applied, if the format is match-play, or if players are competing from tees with different pars, it may be different

## **PARTNER GAMES:**

Playing Handicaps can be the same or different than a Course Handicap. Playing with partners requires another calculation. It is a percentage (e.g. 85%) of your combined Course Handicaps! Leveling the field for teams to compete with each other is done via Golf Genius.

## **SCORE DIFFERENTIAL:**

A score differential measures the performance of a round in relation to the relative difficulty of the course that was played, measured by the Course Rating and Slope Rating. The result of the daily playing conditions calculation (PCC) is also included in the Score Differential calculation, which may provide an adjustment if course and/or weather conditions significantly impacted scores on that day.

## **PLAYING CONDITIONS CALCULATION (PCC):**

You are expected to post your score the same day you play so that your score will be included in the daily Playing Conditions Calculation and your Handicap Index can be updated overnight and ready for the next day.

## **ADJUSTMENT OF SCORES:**

Hole-by-Hole score posting is required when 10-17 holes are played. This allows the appropriate Score Differential to be calculated from the holes that were played to combine with the expected Score Differential for the number of holes not played.

### **ADJUSTMENT OF HOLE SCORES:**

When 10-17 holes are played and a score is posted, the total number of strokes taken will be displayed, with the number of holes played also denoted. Display of the number of holes played could vary depending on the score posting product used. For example, if you play 14 holes and take 62 strokes, your score may be displayed as **62<sub>(14)</sub>**. You will also see the 18-hole Course Rating and Slope Rating for the tees played, along with the 18-hole Score Differential that was created using your expected Score Differential for the number of holes not played.

### **PENALTY SCORES:**

A penalty score is a score posted at the discretion of the Handicap Committee for a player who does not post her score in a timely manner.