

**Do you know the score with the new
World Handicap System (WHS)?**

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3: Course Rating & Bogey Rating

Course Rating

Course Rating represents the expected score on a course for a **Scratch player**. A Scratch player is defined as a typical 0 handicap male that hits the ball about 250 yards with a driver or a typical female player that hits the ball about 210 yards with a driver.

Course Rating is equivalent to the **Standard Scratch Score (SSS)** under the current system, except that it is determined to one decimal point.

The Course Rating assesses 2 types of challenges:

- The effective playing length of the course, adjusted for the impact of roll, wind, elevation changes, altitude, doglegs and forced lay ups.
- The obstacles that a player will encounter, including topography, size of fairway and green targets, recoverability and rough, bunkers, crossing and lateral obstacles, trees, green surface and psychology.

Bogey Rating

Bogey Rating represents the expected score on a course for a **Bogey player**. A Bogey player is defined as typical 20 handicap male that hits the ball about 200 yards with a driver or a 24 handicap female that hits the ball about 150 yards with a driver.

The obstacles described above are more of a challenge to a Bogey golfer than to a Scratch golfer, so the difference between the Course Rating and the Bogey Rating will often be more than 20/24.

The difference between the Course Rating and the Bogey Rating is used in the determination of the **Slope Rating** of the course.

Coming Next:

The next article will explain how the **Slope Rating** of a course is calculated and how it is used to determine how many handicap strokes a player will receive on any given course.