

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

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The last of the [WHS: Know the Score](#) articles covering Handicap Index describes 2 more things that can influence the Handicap Index calculation, and finishes up with a short video.

1) Exceptional Scores

If a player returns a Score Differential of more than 7 below their Handicap Index, an adjustment of -1 is made to last 20 Score Differentials, which reduces the Handicap Index by 1 stroke.

| Score Differential | Adj |
|--------------------|-----|
| 4.1 | -1 |
| 14.5 | -1 |
| 18.5 | -1 |
| 19.4 | -1 |
| 25.8 | -1 |
| 16.7 | -1 |
| 18.4 | -1 |
| 12.8 | -1 |
| 24.0 | -1 |
| 15.8 | -1 |
| 13.5 | -1 |
| 24.0 | -1 |
| 15.6 | -1 |
| 11.0 | -1 |
| 10.4 | -1 |
| 21.2 | -1 |
| 18.3 | -1 |
| 24.0 | -1 |
| 13.1 | -1 |
| 20.3 | -1 |

- Handicap Index = 13.3
- A score differential of 4.1 is submitted which is 9.2 strokes better than current Handicap Index; an exceptional score
- The newly calculated Handicap Index is 11.9
- With the additional adjustment of -1.0, the new Handicap Index is 10.9
- The adjustment is made by adding a -1 adjustment to all 20 score differentials within the player's scoring record

As more scores are posted the -1 adjustments drop out of the last 20 scores and their influence washes out over the next 20 scores.

If a player returns a Score Differential of more than 10 below their Handicap Index, an Exceptional Scoring adjustment of -2 is made to last 20 Score Differentials. This reduces the Handicap Index by 2 strokes.

2) Playing Conditions Calculation

The Playing Conditions Calculation factors in how course and weather conditions can affect the difficulty of the course on the day and is similar to the CSS calculation in the current system:

- It includes all 9 hole and 18 holes scores from the course that have been submitted on the day.
- It requires at least 8 scores from players with a fully developed Scoring Record (20 scores) and a Handicap Index of 36 or below.
- It is applied conservatively and won't result in changes as often as the current CSS calculation.
- It can result in all Score Differentials on the day being increased by 1 stroke in easy conditions, or reduced by 1, 2 or 3 strokes in difficult conditions.

Playing Conditions Calculation


When adverse weather conditions or abnormal course set-up causes scores to be unusually high or low on a given day, a Playing Conditions Calculation will adjust Score Differentials to better reflect the player's actual performance.

The PCC will be simple and conservative in nature and will provide integer value adjustments.

-1, +1, +2, +3

A minus value means the course was playing easier than expected and will be added to the rating of the course in the differential calculation.

A plus value means the course was playing harder than expected and will be subtracted from the rating of the course in the differential calculation.



Summary

A finally, click here to watch a short [Handicap Index key features video](#)

Coming Next:

The next “*WHS: Know the Score*” article moves on to define what are **Acceptable Scores** for handicap purposes.