



## 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.

### WHS Course Rating and Slope Rating Certificate

In preparation for the launch of the World Handicap System, England Golf have issued our Course and Slope Rating Certificate. The ratings for SGC are below,

White: Course Rating 67.4 Slope Rating 123

Yellow: Course Rating 66.4 Slope Rating 122

Red: Course Rating 69.9 Slope Rating 129

Our slope rating certificate is on the wall outside the General Manager's office.

Our does our course rating compare with our neighbours:

Bexleyheath - White 111, Red 120

Eltham Warren - White 113, Yellow 111 Red 122

Shortlands - White 114 Yellow 114 Red 122

Dartford - White 119 Yellow 117 Red 113

## **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.