

The last of the *WHS: Know the Score* articles covering Handicap Index describes 2 more things that can influence the Handicap Index calculation.

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.

Application of an Exceptional **Score Reduction** 1/10/20 Hill GC 125 75 70.5 • Handicap Index = 13.3 72.2 25/9/20 Meadow GC 131 89 22/9/20 Hill GC 70.5 125 18.5 5/9/20 Hill GC 70.5 125 92 19.4 • A score differential of 4.1 is submitted 1/9/20 Hill GC 70.5 125 99 25.8 which is 9.2 strokes better than current 28/8/20 Hill GC 70.5 89 6 125 16.7 Handicap Index; an exceptional score 23/8/20 River GC 71.3 127 92 18.4 8 26/7/20 Meadow GC 72.2 131 87 14/7/20 Hill GC 24.0 70.5 125 97 · The newly calculated Handicap Index is 10 4/7/20 Hill GC 70.5 125 88 15.8 11.9 11 19/6/20 River GC 71 3 127 87 12 16/6/20 Valley GC 69.9 118 95 24.0 12/6/20 Forest GC 13 70.1 115 86 · With the additional adjustment of 14 5/6/20 Meadow GC 72 2 131 85 -1.0, the new Handicap Index is 10.9 15 2/6/20 Hill GC 70.5 125 82 104 16 30/5/20 Hill GC 70.5 125 21.2 • The adjustment is made by adding a -1 17 25/5/20 Valley GC 69.9 118 89 18.3 18 22/5/20 Hill GC 70.5 125 97 24.0 adjustment to all 20 score differentials 19 29/4/20 Hill GC 70.5 125 85 within the player's scoring record 20 14/4/20 Hill GC 70.5 125 93 20.3

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.

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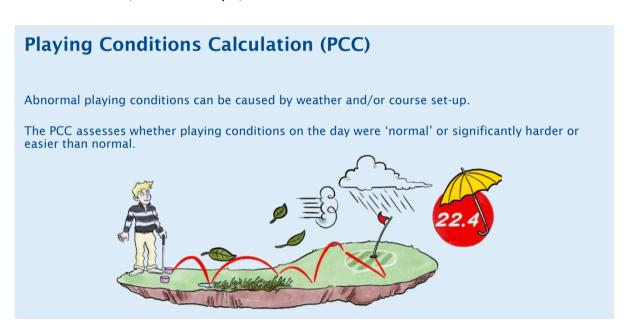
Hill GC

70.5

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.



Coming Next:

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