



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

- 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

Score No.	Date Played	Course	Course Rating	Slope Rating	Adjusted Gross Score	Score Differential	Adj
1	1/10/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	75	4.1	-1
2	25/9/20	Meadow GC	72.2	131	89	14.5	-1
3	22/9/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	91	18.5	-1
4	5/9/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	92	19.4	-1
5	1/9/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	99	25.8	-1
6	28/8/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	89	16.7	-1
7	23/8/20	River GC	71.3	127	92	18.4	-1
8	26/7/20	Meadow GC	72.2	131	87	12.8	-1
9	14/7/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	97	24.0	-1
10	4/7/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	88	15.8	-1
11	19/6/20	River GC	71.3	127	87	13.5	-1
12	16/6/20	Valley GC	69.9	118	95	24.0	-1
13	12/6/20	Forest GC	70.1	115	86	15.6	-1
14	5/6/20	Meadow GC	72.2	131	85	11.0	-1
15	2/6/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	82	10.4	-1
16	30/5/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	94	21.2	-1
17	25/5/20	Valley GC	69.9	118	89	18.3	-1
18	22/5/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	97	24.0	-1
19	29/4/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	85	13.1	-1
20	14/4/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	93	20.3	-1
21	10/4/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	94	21.2	-1

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 (PCC)

Abnormal playing conditions can be caused by weather and/or course set-up.

The PCC assesses whether playing conditions on the day were 'normal' or significantly harder or easier than normal.



### Coming Next:

The next "[WHS: Know the Score](#)" article moves on to define what are **Acceptable Scores** for handicap purposes.