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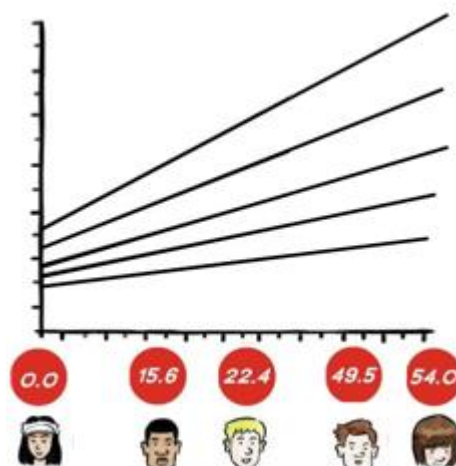


It's time to learn about Slope Rating

What is a Slope Rating?

Remember last time we learnt that

- Course Rating is the measure of the playing difficulty of a set of tees for a **Scratch Golfer** Handicap 0.0
- Bogey Rating is the measure of the playing difficulty of a set of tees for a **Bogey Golfer** Handicap 20 to 24
- A **Slope Rating** is the number which indicates the relative playing difficulty of a course for bogey golfers, compared to scratch golfers.
- It is the combination of the Course Rating and the Bogey rating that allows us to calculate the Slope Rating of a set of tees.



The bottom horizontal line represents a player's handicap and the vertical line represents the number of strokes needed to play the course. Each Sloping line represents a different set of tees.

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Knowing the Course Rating and Bogey Rating allows a line to be drawn representing the relationship between the two (as for one of those in the image above - hence the term "Slope"). From this the difficulty of the course for all levels of ability can be deduced.

The Slope Rating is, therefore, a key component in the calculation of the number of strokes each player receives to play a particular golf course.

Slope Rating values range from 55 to 155 and 113 is the slope value indicating "standard" relative difficulty.

There is a common misconception that the Slope Rating compares the difficulty of one course with another. IT DOES NOT. It compares the difficulty of a course (playing from a specific set of tees) for the Bogey player compared to the Scratch player from the same set of tees. It does NOT indicate the relative playing difficulty of that set of tees versus a set of tees at another course.

Course and Slope Ratings are gender specific and the tee you play must have a rating for your gender.

How does the Slope Rating affect your handicap?

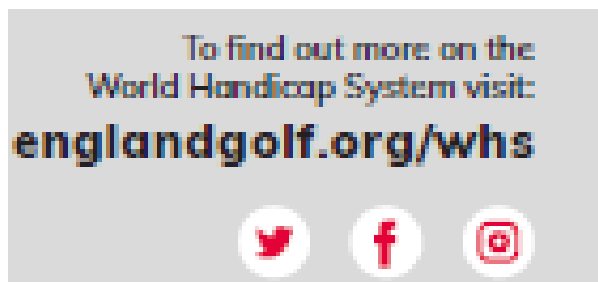
You will have a "Course Handicap" calculated for whichever set of tees you decide to play from, that tells you how many strokes are needed for your level of handicap on that particular set of tees.

Click this link to see the Video.

<https://www.englandgolf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/World-Handicap-System-Slope-Rating.mp4>

Next time we learn about Handicap Index.

In the meantime, please visit the England Golf Website



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