

Establishing a New Handicap Index

For Exceptional Tournament Scores using SGA Stroke Reduction Table



1 Golfer's Handicap Index will be converted to the Course Handicap of the golf course played. This is done by referring to the USGA Course Conversion Chart (Slope Rating).

BLACK TEES			BLUE TEES		
Slope Rating	134		Slope Rating	130	
CSE Rating	71.4		CSE Rating	69.6	
HCP INDEX (HI)	COURSE H'CAP		HCP INDEX (HI)	COURSE H'CAP	
+3.7 - +3.0	+4		+3.2 - +2.6	+4	
+2.9 - +2.2	+3		+2.5 - +1.9	+3	
14.8 - 15.6	18		15.3 - 16.0	18	
15.7 - 16.4	19		16.1 - 16.9	19	
16.5 - 17.2	20		17.0 - 17.8	20	
17.3 - 18.1	21		17.9 - 18.6	21	
18.2 - 18.9	22		18.7 - 19.5	22	
19.0 - 19.8	23		19.6 - 20.4	23	
19.9 - 20.6	24		20.5 - 21.2	24	
20.7 - 21.5	25		21.3 - 22.1	25	

*Course conversion chart shown for illustrative purposes only

Left Column: Handicap Index (H.I)

Right Column: Course Handicap

Scenario:

For example, golfer's Handicap Index (H.I) is 21.3. The corresponding Course Handicap is 25.

2 After Exceptional Tournament score (T-Score) is recorded, Nett Score will be calculated by subtracting the Nett Par from the Gross Score

Scenario:

Nett Par = 72 (Course Par) + 25 (Course Handicap) = 97

Exceptional Tournament Score = 88

Nett Score : T-Score - Nett Par

88 (T- Score) - 97 (Nett Par) = **-9** (Nett Score)

3 Determine the stroke reduction of the Course Handicap by referring to the SGA Stroke Reduction Table. (only applicable if Nett Score is at least -3)

For H.I 12.0 and Above	
Stroke Reduction Table	
Nett Score	Stroke Reduction
-3	1
-4	2
-5	3
-6	4
-7	5
-8	6
-9	7
-10	8

Refer to this table if H.I is 12.0 and above

For H.I 11.9 and Below	
Stroke Reduction Table	
Nett Score	Stroke Reduction
-3	1
-4	2
-5	2
-6	3
-7	3
-8	4
-9	4
-10	5

Refer to this table if H.I is 11.9 and below

4 Reduce the Course Handicap by the corresponding stroke reduction as shown on the table above.

Scenario:

Nett Score: -9

Corresponding Stroke Reduction: 7

Reduced Course Handicap: 25 (Course Handicap) - 7 (Stroke Reduction) = **18**

5 With the reduced Course Handicap, the new Handicap Index will be determined by referring to the Course Conversion Chart.

14.8 - 15.6	18	15.3 - 16.0	18
15.7 - 16.4	19	16.1 - 16.9	19
16.5 - 17.2	20	17.0 - 17.8	20
17.3 - 18.1	21	17.9 - 18.6	21
18.2 - 18.9	22	18.7 - 19.5	22
19.0 - 19.8	23	19.6 - 20.4	23
19.9 - 20.6	24	20.5 - 21.2	24
20.7 - 21.5	25	21.3 - 22.1	25

With a reduced course handicap to 18, the new Handicap Index is 15.3 (Lower H.I of the range given will be taken).

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1) When will this start?

A1) It will start effective 1st November 2018.

Q2) Why are we doing this?

A2) Different clubs implement the adjustment of Handicap Index for Exceptional Tournament Scores differently, thus SGA have come up a Handicap Reduction table to be standardised across all clubs.

Q3) Is this meant for social or tournament rounds of golf?

A3) This will only be used for Exceptional Tournament Scores.

Q4) How will a Handicap Index be reduced from an Exceptional Tournament Score?

A4) The reduction of strokes will be made off the Course Handicap from SGA Stroke Reduction Table. The reduced Course Handicap will determine the new Handicap Index based on the Course Conversion Chart where the lower Handicap Index of the range given will be taken.

Q5) Why choose Course Handicap over Handicap Index?

A5) This method is recommended by USGA as it is a fairer way to determine the golfer's new Handicap Index.

Q6) What is the purpose of the reduction and who will be doing the calculations?

A6) This is to reflect the golfer's true Handicap after an Exceptional Tournament Score. The calculations will be done by the club administrators.

Q7) Do clubs use the Course Conversion Chart of golfer's Home Course or the Course that golfer is playing in?

A7) Yes. The USGA Course Conversion Chart based on the slope rating of the course is used.

Q8) When do we use the Computed Adjusted Handicap vs. the Stroke Reduction Table?

A8) Computed Adjusted Handicap is calculated from SGA Centralised Handicapping System (CHS). The Stroke Reduction Table is used for Exceptional Tournament Scores (Nett Score -3 or better).

Q9) What is M-Handicap?

A9) Modified-Handicap. The Club Handicap Committee will review and modify the Handicap Index based on Exceptional Tournament Score/s played on top of the CHS calculated handicap index during every revision.

Q10) What is the duration of a M-Handicap?

A10) The duration of a M-Handicap is 3 months. All M-Handicaps will be reviewed every month. As soon as the M-Handicap is lower or within 0.9 of the computed Handicap, the M-Handicap will be released.