WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

Course and Weather Conditions Calculation

Course Ratings and Slope Ratings measure course difficulty under normal conditions.

Not every day is normal – factors such as weather and course set-up can change the way a golf course plays.

But, as every golfer knows...

None of these things should affect the integrity of your Handicap Index.

The result is a higher score on a tough day may still count as a good score and may be used to calculate your updated Handicap Index – ensuring it continues to reflect your ability.

The PCC compares actual scores against expected scores. If scores submitted match expectations, no adjustment is made.

To ensure they don’t, a Playing Conditions Calculation is carried out automatically for each course, each day, provided at least eight eligible players have submitted acceptable scores.

But if the PCC shows players have performed significantly better or worse than expected, the calculation automatically adjusts score differentials accordingly.

PLAYING CONDITIONS CALCULATION

MINIMUM NUMBER

ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

MATCH EXPECTED SCORES

BETTER

WORSE

R&A

USGA