

RHGC

COMPETITION HANDICAP

Q & A



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What is a competition handicap?

In an effort to ensure fair and equal competitions at RHGC, the Handicap Committee and the Tournament Committee will review posted competition scores of all registered players and using the same formula as the World Handicap System (WHS) handicap index, calculate a RHGC Competition Handicap. The Handicap Committee and Tournament Committee will then assign the lower handicap between the WHS handicap index and the RHGC Competition Handicap for that competition..

Why does RHGC use a Competition Handicap?



Ensures Fair & Equitable Play

An RHGC Competition Handicap is calculated for each registered player of a competition and does not single out an individual player



Reflects Demonstrated Ability

An RHGC Competition Handicap helps ensure that a player's Handicap Index remains reflective of their ability and that equity is retained for all golfers



Complies with USGA/Texas Golf Association Rules

This is a common practice among golf clubs, as a player's Handicap Index should be responsive to scores that are inconsistent with their demonstrated ability

How is the Competition Handicap Calculated?



Calculation

Calculated same way as the World Handicap System Handicap Index



Scores Used

Uses only Competition Scores (not recreational + competition scores)



Assigned

The lower of the two handicaps will be assigned for the competition



Duration

Will be for current competition only and not impact WHS calculated handicap

**RHGC
Competition
Handicap is
based on the
player's
previous
competition
-only scores**

Number of Score Differentials in competition scoring record	Score Differential(s) to be used in the calculation of Competition Handicap	Adjustment
0-2	WHS Handicap Index	-3
3	Lowest differential	-2
4	Lowest differential	-1
5	Lowest differential	0
6	Average of lowest 2 differentials	-1
7-8	Average of lowest 2 differentials	0
9-11	Average of lowest 3 differentials	0
12-14	Average of lowest 4 differentials	0
15-16	Average of lowest 5 differentials	0
17-18	Average of lowest 6 differentials	0
19	Average of lowest 7 differentials	0
20	Average of lowest 8 differentials	0

Types of Handicaps

WHS Handicap Index

A Handicap Index is calculated from the lowest Score Differentials in the scoring record. If a scoring record contains fewer than 20 Score Differentials, the Score Differentials table is used to determine the number to be included in the calculation and any adjustment that may apply.

Course Handicap

The Course Handicap calculation converts a Handicap Index to the number of strokes a player requires to play any golf course with a Course Rating and Slope Rating. This allows portability of a player's Handicap Index wherever they play.

Playing Handicap

An adjusted Course Handicap is referred to as Playing Handicap. This calculation is applied when playing in a format for which a handicap allowance has been applied for equity (for example, 85% in four-ball stroke play).

RHGC Competition Handicap

The RHGC Competition Handicap is based on the player's previous competition-only scores and used for only that current competition and only when it is lower than the WHS calculated handicap.

How these values differ

WHS Handicap Index = portable number that represents your demonstrated ability

Course Handicap = Your ability adjusted to the course

RHGC Competition Handicap = Your ability in competition play

Playing Handicap = Your ability adjusted for a specific format of play



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USGA Rules of Handicapping