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## Course Handicap EXPLAINED

### Course Handicap

What is it?

- The number of strokes a player will receive for the set of tees being played

Why is it important?

- All golfers, irrespective of the format of play, are required to calculate their Course Handicap before heading out onto the course

NEW RULE

Handicap  
Index

X

(Slope Rating / 113)

=

Course Handicap  
(rounded)

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

R&A USGA

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World Handicap System visit:  
[englandgolf.org/whs](http://englandgolf.org/whs)



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## COURSE HANDICAP & ALLOWANCE

### What is Course Handicap?

Golf Course Rating will be used to measure the playing difficulty of a golf course. It measures how many strokes a Scratch Golfer (a player who can play to a Course Handicap of zero on all rated golf courses) should take on any given course.

### How to work out a Course Handicap?

England Golf will provide Course & Slope Rating tables to all golf clubs (as per the example on slope rating issue). Tables should be positioned in conspicuous locations around the club to make it simple for golfers to find prior to beginning their round. Golfers simply have to choose the tees they are playing off that day and cross reference their Handicap Index on the Course & Slope Rating table to ascertain their Course Handicap.

In time, Course Handicap Tables will be available via an App and club handicap software so golfers can view their Course Handicap remotely prior to a round. Should any golfer wish to calculate their Course Handicap manually the formula is as follows:

$$\text{Handicap Index} \times (\text{Slope Rating} / 113) = \text{Course Handicap (rounded)}$$

It really is as simple as that - they're then ready to get out on the course and play!

### What is a Handicap Allowance?

Handicap Allowance is the percentage of Course Handicap specified for a specific format of play or specified in the Terms of the Competition.