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Course Rating EXPLAINED

Course Rating

What is it?

- A measurement of the playing difficulty of a golf course

How is it calculated?

The rating is assessed by:

- The playing length of the course
- The obstacles that a player will encounter (e.g. size of green and hazards)

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COURSE RATING & BOGEY RATING

What is Course Rating?

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.

The rating does this by assessing two main types of challenges which, when combined, result in a common base from which to compare players' abilities:

- The playing length of the course
- The obstacles that a player will encounter (e.g. size of green and hazards)

What is a Bogey Rating?

A Bogey Rating is the measure of playing difficulty from a set of tees when played by a Bogey Golfer (a player who has a Course Handicap of approximately 20 for a male and 24 for a female). Knowing the Course Rating and Bogey Rating allows the WHS to assess and rationalise the relationship between the two. From this, the difficulty of the course for all other levels of ability can be deduced.

Tee	Par	Scratch Rating	Bogey Rating
White Men	71	72.0	96.7
Yellow Men	71	69.3	92.7
Red Men	71	68.3	90.1
Red Ladies	73	73.3	104.3