

Conducting a competition under the World Handicap System™

Which Terms of the competition should be communicated in advance?



Handicap Index® eligibility and limits:

- Is there a maximum Handicap Index for eligibility or use in the competition?
- Is there a maximum Playing Handicap™ to be used in the competition?
- What is the effective date for the Handicap Index to be used during the competition?



The tees to be played:

- Is everyone playing from the same set of tees or are multiple tees in use? Please note: If par is not the same for all players, those playing from the tees with the higher par must receive additional stroke(s) equal to the difference.



The handicap allowance to be used:

- Is there a handicap allowance being applied to create equity based on the format of play? Handicap Allowance recommendations can be found in Appendix G of the [Rules of Handicapping](#).



The stroke index allocation to be used:

- Are stroke index values relevant for the format of play (for example: four-ball stroke play)? In mixed competitions where players play their own ball, players receive strokes based on their respective stroke index allocation.

Where does rounding take place in the Playing Handicap calculation?

Name: John Smith Course Handicap: 5 Playing Handicap: 4 Date: 07/16/24

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
PAR	5	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	37
SCORE	5	5	5	4	3	5	5	3	4	39

HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
PAR	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	35	72
SCORE	3	4	5	4	5	5	4	4	4	38	77

NET: 73

Marker's Signature: [Signature] Player's Signature: [Signature]

COURSE HANDICAP
(UNROUNDED)
4.634513
x 90%
= PLAYING HANDICAP
4

To avoid multiple rounding points when converting a Handicap Index into a Playing Handicap, any handicap allowance should be applied to the **unrounded** Course Handicap™.

The **rounded** Course Handicap should still be used for the purposes of applying net double bogey adjustments.

How should the Committee handle multi-round competitions?

When a competition spans consecutive days, it is recommended that the Committee uses the same Handicap Index **for all rounds**.

1

The Committee should use the Handicap Index as of the closest date possible to the start of the competition.

2

The Committee has the right to modify the Playing Handicap of any player before or between rounds.

3

Scores must be posted on the day of play so that they will contribute to the daily Playing Conditions Calculation.