

2024 World Handicap System Review Materials

1. Scores made in which of the following formats of play are acceptable and must be posted for handicap purposes?
 - a. Foursomes
 - b. 3-player scramble
 - c. Four-Ball Match Play
 - d. All of the above

2. A player failed to post an acceptable score and does not have a justified reason. What options are available to the handicap committee?
 - a. Post the score, if discoverable
 - b. Post a penalty score, if the actual score is not discoverable
 - c. Do not post the score
 - d. Both A & B

3. On the par-5 16th hole, during a Four-Ball stroke play competition, Nancy's partner holes out for a 4 to birdie the hole. Nancy, who is lying 4, picks up her ball 10 feet from the hole since she can't better her partner's score. What score should Nancy record for handicapping purposes?
 - a. She does not have an acceptable score since the hole was not completed
 - b. Net Par
 - c. Most likely score
 - d. Par + 5 strokes

4. The Committee in charge of the competition has the ability to set the Terms of Competition, including which of the following?
 - a. Determine the stroke index allocation to be used for the competition
 - b. Set a maximum Handicap Index for entry or use
 - c. Set a maximum Playing Handicap for use
 - d. All of the above

5. What value is used for adjusting hole scores (e.g. Net double bogey) when posting a score for handicap purposes?
 - a. Handicap Index
 - b. Low Handicap Index
 - c. Course Handicap
 - d. Handicap Allowance

6. John and Jane are playing a match from different tees, but par is 72 for both players. Since Jane is playing from tees with a different Course Rating that is 2.0 strokes higher than the tees John is playing, Jane must add 2 strokes to her Playing Handicap.
- True
 - False
7. The scoring record must contain how many scores before a Low Handicap Index can be established?
- 3
 - 8
 - 10
 - 20
8. The playing conditions calculation (PCC) resulted in an adjustment of +2 on May 1, 2024 at New Jersey National Golf Club. Lenny posted his score on May 5, but the date played was recorded as May 1. The +2 PCC adjustment will be used to calculate Lenny's Score Differential.
- True
 - False
9. The Committee in charge of a multi-round competition played over consecutive days must determine within the Terms of the Competition whether a player's Handicap Index will remain unchanged for the duration of the competition. It is strongly recommended that the Handicap Index remains unchanged between each rounds.
- True
 - False
10. When calculating a Playing Handicap, the handicap allowance is applied to the:
- Handicap Index
 - Course Rating
 - Unrounded Course Handicap
 - Slope Rating
11. Stroke Index is the value assigned to each hole on the golf course where handicap strokes are given or received.
- True
 - False

12. Jason's Low Handicap Index is 10.0 and the current average of his 8 best of 20 Score differentials at 14.5. As a result, Jason's Handicap Index calculation is subject to:
- a. Soft cap
 - b. Soft cap followed by the hard cap
 - c. Exceptional score reduction
 - d. None of the above
13. The minimum length for a 9-hole golf course to receive a Course Rating and Slope Rating is:
- a. 1,000 yards
 - b. 750 yards
 - c. 1,500 yards
 - d. 3,000 yards
14. Monica played 7 holes before stopping for the day because of inclement weather. She played enough holes to have an acceptable score for handicap purposes.
- a. True
 - b. False
15. For a golfer who has Handicap Index, which of the following statements are true regarding rounds of 10-17 holes played?
- a. The score cannot be posted for handicap purposes
 - b. Hole-by-hole score posting is required
 - c. Net double bogey is recorded for holes not played
 - d. Both B & C
16. Katherine has a Handicap Index of 12.0 and Amanda has a Handicap Index of 14.5. After playing a 9-hole round together from the same tees, they both posted adjusted gross scores of 43. Once the expected score is applied for the second nine, they can expect their 18-hole Score Differentials to be the same.
- a. True
 - b. False
17. A club is running a large field individual stroke play competition consisting of 120 players with a Handicap Index range of 1.1 to 36.2. More than half of the field are higher handicap players. As a result, it would be appropriate for the Committee in charge of the Competition to use the following handicap allowance to create equity:
- a. 90%
 - b. 95%
 - c. 98%
 - d. 100%

18. Which statement is true regarding a Handicap Index Adjustment?
- a. Any adjustment must be at least 1.0 strokes
 - b. It is applied after the player has been informed
 - c. An upward adjustment is limited to 5.0 unless exceptional circumstances exist
 - d. All of the above
19. Going into the round, Jerry's Handicap Index is 20.0. He then posts a score that results in a Score Differential of 12.0. As a result, his Handicap Index is subject to:
- a. Soft Cap
 - b. Hard Cap
 - c. Exceptional Score Reduction
 - d. None of the above
20. Handicap Review gives the ability to ensure the Handicap Index of a player reflects their demonstrated ability. Whose responsibility is it to carry the Handicap Review process?
- a. The Handicap Committee of a player's home club
 - b. The Committee in charge of a competition for which a player has submitted an entry form
 - c. The USGA
 - d. Either A & B