

Your Course Handicap will change under the World Handicap System

Why will it change?

The simple answer: Because you'll be playing to a **new benchmark**.

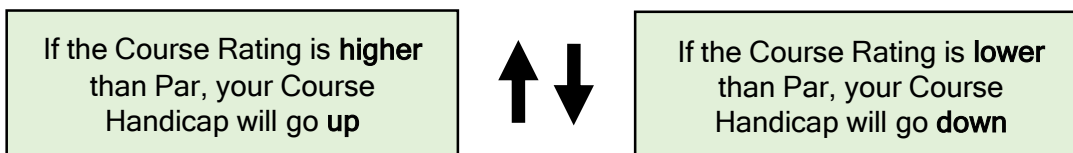
- > In 2019, your Course Handicap is the number of strokes needed to play down to the **Course Rating** of the tees being played.
- > In 2020, your Course Handicap will be the number of strokes needed to play down to **Par** of the tees being played.

$$2019: \text{Handicap Index} \times \text{Slope Rating} / 113$$

$$2020: \text{Handicap Index} \times \text{Slope Rating} / 113 + (\text{Course Rating} - \text{Par})$$

What does this mean for me?

Even if you play the same tees in 2020 as you play in 2019, your Course Handicap will change depending on how much higher or lower the Course Rating is than Par.



Can I see an example?

Course Info

| Tee | Course Rating | Slope Rating | Par |
|--------|---------------|--------------|-----|
| Green | 72.0 | 128 | 70 |
| White | 70.0 | 125 | 70 |
| Silver | 68.0 | 119 | 70 |

Impact on 15.0 Handicap Index

| 2019 Course Handicap | 2020 Course Handicap | Target Score |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 17 | 19 | 89 |
| 17 | 17 | 87 |
| 16 | 14 | 84 |

In this example, a 15.0 Handicap Index player's Course Handicap will **increase** from the Green Tees (since the Course Rating is higher than Par), **decrease** from the Silver Tees (since the Course Rating is lower than Par), and **stay the same** from the White Tees (since the Course Rating and Par are the same).

Note: Your Target Score (the score needed to play to your handicap) will not change.

In 2019, it's equal to Course Handicap + Course Rating. In 2020, it's equal to Course Handicap + Par.

Why is this good for handicapping?

- > Par is a term that people are familiar with.
- > Par is often the same from multiple sets of tees.
- > As a result, players will be able to compete from different tees **without any adjustments** unless Par is different.

For more information or to learn more about the WHS, visit www.gao.ca/handicapping

! The term Playing Handicap represents the number of strokes you actually play with during the round. It will typically be the same as your Course Handicap, unless Terms of the Competition (i.e. Handicap Allowances) are applied.