

Breaking Down the Playing Conditions Calculation under the World Handicap System™

What is the playing conditions calculation?

The playing conditions calculation (PCC) is a **daily calculation that accounts for abnormal conditions** - such as weather or course setup - that cause a course to play easier or harder than its Course Rating™ and Slope Rating® indicate.

How does PCC work?

- It includes 9-hole and 18-hole scores from all rated sets of tees; however, at least eight acceptable scores must be posted for the analysis to occur.
- Whether an adjustment is applied depends on how many scores posted at a particular course are higher or lower than expected - based on each player's Handicap Index® - compared to the total number of scores posted that day.
- **Players are encouraged to post scores on the same day of play to ensure all scores are included in the PCC data pool.** If a PCC adjustment is applied, it will clearly be displayed in a player's scoring record and will affect the Score Differential™ for everyone who posted a score for that course on that day of play.

How is PCC applied?

The PCC is applied at midnight, so the morning after a score is posted, the final Score Differential from the round will be calculated as follows:

Score Differential Calculation

$$(113 \div \text{Slope Rating}) \times (\text{Adjusted Gross Score} - \text{Course Rating} - \text{PCC Adjustment})$$