

2024 Handicapping Notes: Quick Guide to Main WHS Revisions For 2024

--For a 9-hole score to be acceptable for handicap purposes, a player **MUST PLAY ALL 9 HOLES** from *tees with a published 9-hole Course Rating and Slope Rating*. Once a hole is started, it is considered to have been played.

If you start a hole (tee off) but do not hole out, post either NET DOUBLE BOGEY or MOST LIKELY SCORE, whichever is lower.

When a player posts a 9-hole score, the *WHS will automatically calculate an 18-hole Score Differential for the round*, based on the player's 9-hole Score Differential and EXPECTED Score Differential based on their current Handicap Index. (Players will no longer have to wait for a second 9-hole score to be played and paired to make an 18-hole score.)

--When 10 – 17 holes are played, a Score Differential will be created based on the holes played, and the player's EXPECTED Score Differential for the number of remaining holes will be added to that value to produce an 18-hole Score Differential.

If you start a hole (tee off) but do not hole out, post either NET DOUBLE BOGEY or MOST LIKELY SCORE, whichever is lower.

If you do not play a hole or holes (have not teed off), your score must be entered in GHIN with HOLE BY HOLE leaving the holes not played blank. The WHS will calculate an EXPECTED SCORE for each hole not played resulting in an 18-hole Score Differential.

--Length of course now eligible for a Course Rating and Slope Rating:

18 hole	1,500 yards
9 hole	750 yards

Course Rating and Slope Rating must be published for the tees being played!

WEB ADDRESS FOR 2024 WHS PLAYER REFERENCE GUIDE:

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/handicapping/world-handicap-system/2024-revision/.PlayerReferenceGuide-2024.html>