

TTSGA Handicap Adjustments: Use of different Teeing Grounds/Boxes

In 2022, the TTSGA board adopted a new policy allowing players 75 or older to move to shorter tees than the default tees where the rest of the field is playing. Additionally, if a member wishes to move to longer tees than default tees then that also is an option.

Each tee box on a course has a slope and rating and is found on most score cards. Often the slope and rating for the forward tees require a contact with the Course Pro to provide the slope and rating.

When a course is input into TTSGA handicap system, the slopes and ratings are input along with yardages and handicap rating for each hole. These slopes and ratings are then used by the handicap application software to calculate tournament handicaps.

In an effort to explain what happens when competitors play from different tee boxes and how the "tournament handicap" is affected, the process is as follows:

ASSUMPTIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member's Index= 26.8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold Tee Box from Score Card <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Slope Rating: 68.0 ○ Course Rating: 123 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Tee Box from Score Card <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Slope Rating: 65.2 ○ Course Rating: 110 |
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CALCULATION: : **Member Index x (Slope) / 113) = Handicap**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Index=26.8 ○ Plays from Gold Tee Box | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament Handicap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (26.8 x (123/113) = <u>29</u> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member index=26.8 ○ Plays from Green Tee Box | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament Handicap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (26.8 x (110/113) = <u>26</u> |

When you choose to move to shorter teeing ground/tee box, you are basically playing a different course. Since members are competing in same flight and playing from different teeing grounds, an adjustment is made based upon rating difference of the two teeing grounds/boxes **(an adjustment of 3 strokes)**

USGA calculates this information to assure fair assessment for all players based upon established INDEX.

Our league recalculates index after each round (except for championship rounds where index does not change between rounds).

NOTE: Handicap of course will change between rounds because we are playing different courses) so members index is kept current.