



USGA Temporary Course Rating

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Temporary Tees, Temporary Greens & Spare Holes

When temporary tees, temporary greens or spare holes are used and the overall change in length is minimal it may be possible to adjust tees on holes not being modified to keep the approximate overall length the same. So long as the overall change in length is less than 100 metres (or 50 metres for 9 hole rounds), there is no need to request a temporary course rating, and no need for State Association approval to be granted (refer below handicapping regulation).

If temporary tees, temporary greens or spare holes are being used and tees on holes not being modified cannot be adjusted to keep the overall length within 100 metres (or 50 metres for 9 holes rounds), contact your State Association and request a temporary rating. Your State Association may have already provided your club with a 'Temporary Rating Application' form, which you can complete and forward accordingly.

NOTE: For handicapping, any change of par requires a temporary rating.

Hole/s out of Play

Where a hole/s is not played due to construction and no substitute hole is used, for handicapping purposes the score for that hole is par plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to (e.g. 2 Stableford points).

Permanent Changes

The club must notify the State Association when permanent changes are made to the course. Permanent changes to the course require the State Association to review the current USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating and to determine whether a rerating is necessary.

Handicapping Regulations relating to the requirement to maintain the overall distance of a rated course

Once a club has had its USGA Course Ratings confirmed to it by its State Association, the following regulations will take effect:

- (a) Scores must not be handicapped when the length of the course played varies from the actual measured length of the rated course by more than 100 metres for an 18-hole round. Note: For a round of less than 18 holes, a pro rata length must be calculated; e.g. for a 9-hole round, the distance is 50 metres.*
- (b) In order to maintain the playing characteristics of the course, and subject to the provisions of clause (a), the movable tee markers used to designate the Teeing Ground should not be placed more than 20 metres in front or 20 metres behind the relevant set of Permanent Plates.*
- (c) Scores must not be used for handicap purposes when the tee markers, under normal circumstances, are placed outside the area described in clause (b) on more than three (3) holes for rounds of 14-18 holes, or on more than two (2) holes for rounds of 9-13 holes. (An exception applies for courses with permanent cyclical plate placements which have been approved by a State Association.)*

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