



Temporary Course Rating Advice & Regulations – Information for Clubs

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Temporary Tees, Temporary Greens & Spare Holes

When temporary tees, temporary greens or spare holes are used to cater for maintenance or renovation work 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 course 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, no amendment is required to the course rating. For handicapping purposes the score for that hole is par plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to (ie; 2 Stableford points).

Permanent Changes

Clubs must notify the State Association when permanent changes are made to the course. Information regarding permanent changes can be relayed to State Associations via email by providing as much detail as possible in the way of hole number/s, measurements from tee or green, photographs, diagrams etc.

Example: 7th Hole, Par 4, Fairway bunker installed. Left hand side. 170m to front edge of bunker from white plates. 182m to back edge of bunker from white plates.

The State Association shall review the information along with the current Scratch Rating and determine whether the course rating can be updated without a site visit. If a site visit is required the State Association should contact the club to make the required arrangements.

Handicapping Regulations Relating to the Requirement to Maintain the Overall Distance of a Rated Course

- (a) Whilst a course should generally be played at its rated length, a club does have a large degree of flexibility around the movement of tee markers from day to day provided overall course distance remains substantially the same. Where unusual weather or course conditions are evident, a club may wish to set the daily tee markers such that overall course distance is altered provided the overall change is no more than 100 metres. When the position of the daily tee markers on the course played are more than 100 metres overall from the permanent rating markers for that course for an 18-hole round, the scores must not be handicapped.
- Note i: If on one hole the tee markers are 15 metres forward and on another hole they are 10 metres back, the overall difference for these two holes is considered to be 5 metres from the rated length.
- Note ii: For a round of less than 18 holes, a pro rata length must be calculated; eg for a 9-hole round, the distance is 50 metres.
- (b) Unless determined otherwise by the State Association, handicap conditions do not prevail when the tee markers, under normal circumstances, are placed more than 20 metres in front or 20 metres behind the relevant set of permanent rating markers on more than three holes for rounds of 14-18 holes, or on more than two holes for rounds of 8-13 holes. (An exception applies for courses with cyclical permanent rating marker placements which have been approved by a State Association.)

- (c) Where average tee marker placement over time on a course results in an effective average total course distance that is considered by the State Association to be materially different to the rated course, the State Association should amend the official Scratch Rating accordingly.
- (d) Hole placements are not taken into consideration in determining whether or not a club has satisfied the requirements around maintaining the overall distance of a rated course.



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