



WHS Quiz Questions

November 2023

1) Scores made in which of the following formats of play are acceptable and must be posted for handicap purposes?

a. Foursomes (Alternate Shot) Match Play

b. 3-Player Scramble

c. Four-Ball Match Play

d. All of the above

See Rule 2.1 – Acceptability of Scores.

2) A player failed to post an acceptable score and does not have a justified reason. What options are available to the Handicap Committee?

a. Post the score, if discoverable.

b. Post a penalty score, if the actual score is not discoverable.

c. Do not post the score.

d. Both A and B

See Rule 7.1b – Posting a Missing Score or Penalty Score.

3) On the par-5 16th hole, during a Four-Ball stroke play competition, Nancy's partner holes out for a 4 to birdie the hole. Nancy, who is lying 4, picks up her ball 10 feet from the hole since she can't better her partner's score. What score should Nancy record for handicap purposes?

a. She does not have an acceptable hole score since the hole was not completed.

b. Net par

c. Most likely score

d. Par + 5 strokes

See Rule 3.3 – When a Hole is Started But Player Does Not Hole Out.

4) The Committee in charge of the competition has the ability to set the Terms of the competition, including which of the following?

- a. Determine the stroke index allocation to be used for the competition.
- b. Set a maximum Handicap Index[®] for entry or use.
- c. Set a maximum Playing Handicap[™] for use.
- d. All of the above

See Rule 7.2a – Terms of the Competition and Appendix E – Stroke Index Allocation.

5) What value is used for adjusting hole scores (e.g., net double bogey) when posting a score for handicap purposes?

a. Handicap Index

b. Low Handicap Index™

c. Course Handicap™

d. Handicap allowance

See Rule 3.1b – After a Handicap Index Has Been Established and Rule 6 – Course Handicap and Playing Handicap Calculation.

6) John and Jane are playing a match from different tees, but par is 72 for both players. Since Jane is playing from tees with a Course Rating™ that is 2.0 strokes higher than the tees John is playing, Jane must add 2 strokes to her Playing Handicap.

a. True

b. False

See Rule 6.2b – Calculation When Multiple Tees Are Used in a Competition.

7) The scoring record must contain how many scores before a Low Handicap Index can be established?

a. 3

b. 8

c. 10

d. 20



See Rule 5.7 – Low Handicap Index.

8) The playing conditions calculation (PCC) resulted in an adjustment of +2 on May 1, 2024, at New Jersey National Golf Club. Lenny posted his score on May 5, but the date played was recorded as May 1. The +2 PCC adjustment will be used to calculate Lenny's Score Differential™.

- a. True
- b. False

See Rule 5.6 Clarifications: 5.6/1 – Procedure for Performing Playing Conditions Calculation.

9) The Committee in charge of a multi-round competition played over consecutive days must determine within the Terms of the competition whether a player's Handicap Index will remain unchanged for the duration of the competition. It is strongly recommended that the Handicap Index remains unchanged between such rounds.

- a. True
- b. False

See Rule 7.2a – Terms of the Competition.

10) When calculating a Playing Handicap, the handicap allowance is applied to the:

a. Handicap Index

b. Course Rating

c. Unrounded Course Handicap

d. Slope Rating™



See Rule 6.2a – Standard Calculation.

11) Stroke index is the value assigned to each hole on the golf course where handicap strokes are given or received.

- a. True
- b. False



See Definitions and Appendix E – Stroke Index Allocation.

12) Jason's Low Handicap Index is 10.0 and the current average of his 8 best of 20 Score Differentials is 14.5. As a result, Jason's Handicap Index calculation is subject to:

- a. Soft cap
- b. Soft cap followed by the hard cap.
- c. Exceptional score reduction
- d. None of the above

See Rule 5.8 – Limit on Upward Movement of a Handicap Index.

13) The minimum length for a 9-hole golf course to receive a Course Rating and Slope Rating is:

a. 1,000 yards

b. 750 yards

c. 1,500 yards

d. 3,000 yards



See Appendix G – The Golf Course, Course Rating and Slope Rating.

14) Monica played 7 holes before stopping for the day because of inclement weather. She played enough holes to have an acceptable score for handicap purposes.

a. True

b. False

See Rule 2.2b – For a 9-hole Score.

15) For a golfer who has a Handicap Index, which of the following statements are true regarding rounds of 10-17 holes played?

- a. The score cannot be posted for handicap purposes.
- b. Hole-by-hole score posting is required.
- c. Net double bogey is recorded for holes not played.
- d. Both B and C

See Rule 3.2b Clarifications: 3.2b/3 – Designation of Holes Not Played.

16) Katherine has a Handicap Index of 12.0 and Amanda has a Handicap Index of 14.5. After playing a 9-hole round together from the same tees, they both posted adjusted gross scores of 43. Once the expected score is applied for the second nine, they can expect their 18-hole Score Differentials to be the same.

a. True

b. False

See Definitions and Rule 3.2b Clarifications: 3.2b/1 – Procedure for Calculating a Score Differential using an Expected Score.

17) A club is running a large field individual net stroke play competition consisting of 120 players with a Handicap Index range of 1.1 to 36.2. More than half of the field are higher handicap players. As a result, it would be appropriate for the Committee in charge of the competition to use the following handicap allowance to create equity:

- a. 90%
- b. 95%
- c. 98%
- d. 100%

See Appendix C Clarifications: C/1 – Impact of Field on Recommended Handicap Allowance.

18) Which statement is true regarding a Handicap Index adjustment?

- a. Any adjustment must be at least 1.0 stroke(s)
- b. It is applied after the player has been informed.
- c. An upward adjustment is limited to 5.0 unless exceptional circumstances exist.
- d. All of the above

See Rule 7.1a(ii) – Adjusting a Handicap Index.

19) Going into his round, Jerry's Handicap Index is 20.0. He then posts a score that results in a Score Differential of 12.0. As a result, his Handicap Index is subject to:

- a. Soft cap
- b. Hard cap
- c. Exceptional score reduction
- d. None of the above

See Rule 5.9 – Submission of an Exceptional Score.

20) Handicap Review gives the ability to ensure the Handicap Index of a player reflects their demonstrated ability. Whose responsibility is it to carry out the Handicap Review process?

- a. The Handicap Committee of a player's home club
- b. The Committee in charge of a competition for which a player has submitted an entry form.
- c. The USGA
- d. Either A or B

See Rule 7.1a(i) – Conducting a Handicap Review.

Thank You!

Questions?

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