# Breaking down the Playing Conditions Calculation in the **World Handicap System**

### What is the Playing Conditions Calculation?

The Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) is a daily calculation that compares actual scores made at each course to the expected scores of the players who made them. If the composite of scores is <u>significantly</u> higher or lower than what's expected, an adjustment will be **applied automatically** to the score differential calculation of those who played that day.

The PCC can result in an adjustment of -1.0, 0.0, +1.0, +2.0, or +3.0.

- A 0.0 adjustment means the course played as expected.
- A -1.0 adjustment means the course played easier than normal.
- A +1.0, +2.0 or +3.0 adjustment means the course played more difficult than normal.

Note: The calculation is designed to be conservative and will result in no adjustment on most days.

#### What are the requirements for PCC?

The PCC considers 9 and 18-hole scores from all rated sets of tees, however:

- Only scores made by players with a Handicap Index of 36.0 or below are considered, and
- At least 8 acceptable scores must be posted for a PCC to take place.

## How is the PCC applied?

The PCC is applied at midnight, so the morning after a score is posted, the final score differential from the round will be calculated as follows:

#### Score Differential =

(113 / Slope Rating) x (adjusted gross score - Course Rating - PCC adjustment)

To ensure that all scores are included in the PCC data pool, players are expected to post their scores on the same day of play. However, if a player is late in posting their score, any adjustment will still be applied to their score differential.

If a PCC results in an adjustment, it will be clearly identified within the player's scoring record.

# Why is this good for handicapping?

- The PCC is an automatic calculation so players and golf staff don't have to do additional work.
- The PCC will allow a higher score made in difficult playing conditions to be recognized as such.
- If a PCC adjustment is being applied at a course more than expected, the golf association can provide assistance and confirm that there is consistency between the course set-up and ratings.

