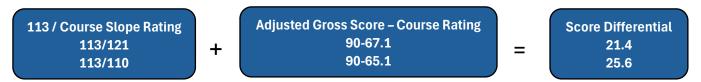
### VBSGC Wedge Course Handicap Tutorial 02/10/2025

Prior to 2020, the USA/Mexico used the USGA's handicap system while the rest of the world used the British R&A handicap system. Since then, both have agreed to the World Handicap System (WHS). Wedge, our VBSGC scheduling and handicapping system is modified to become compliant with the USGA and WHS beginning in the 2025 season. The five factors of handicapping system are:

- Score Differential, Handicap Index and Course Handicap These factors are individual specific
- Course Slope and Course Rating are course and tee specific for each course/tee we play.

A <u>Score Differential</u> measures the performance of a round in relation to the difficulty of the course played, measured by the Course Rating<sup>™</sup> and Slope Rating<sup>™</sup>. A score of 80 on a difficult course may be a better performance than a 77 on an easier course. The Score Differential calculation formula and example is below.



Date	Course	Tee	Slope	Rating	Score	Equation	Differential
Aug. 28, 2024	Heron Ridge Golf Course	Gold	121	67.1	90	(90 – 67.1) X 113 / 121	21.4
July 31, 2024	Sewell's Point Golf Course	Gold	110	65.1	90	(90 – 65.1) X 113 / 110	25.6

Figure 1

A **Handicap Index** is a portable number that represents your demonstrated golfing ability. It is based on your past scores relative to the difficulty of the course and tees played. To calculate your Handicap Index, your 8 best Score Differentials from your most recent 20 scores are averaged. In the example below, the 8 lowest are highlighted.

Date	Course	Tee	Slope	Rating	Score	Equation	Differential
Sept. 11, 2024	Red Wing Lake Golf Course	<mark>Gold</mark>	<mark>111</mark>	<mark>66.3</mark>	<mark>90</mark>	(90 - 66.3) x 113 ÷ 111 =	24.1
<mark>Sept. 4, 2024</mark>	Riverfront Golf Course	Green	<mark>125</mark>	<mark>68.3</mark>	<mark>95</mark>	(95 - 68.3) x 113 ÷ 125 =	24.1
<mark>Aug. 28, 2024</mark>	Heron Ridge Golf Course	<mark>Gold</mark>	<mark>121</mark>	<mark>67.1</mark>	<mark>90</mark>	(90 - 67.1) x 113 ÷ 121 =	<mark>21.4</mark>
Aug. 21, 2024	Eagle Creek Golf Course	Silver	107	65.5	92	(92 - 65.5) x 113 ÷ 107 =	28.0
<mark>Aug. 14, 2024</mark>	Aeropines Golf Course	<b>Orange</b>	<mark>115</mark>	<mark>66.2</mark>	<mark>90</mark>	(90 - 66.2) x 113 ÷ 115 =	<mark>23.4</mark>
July 31, 2024	Sewells Point Golf Course	Gold	110	65.1	90	(90 - 65.1) x 113 ÷ 110 =	25.6
July 3, 2024	Cypress Point Country Club	Gold	111	66.2	92	(92 - 66.2) x 113 ÷ 111 =	26.3
June 26, 2024	Chesapeake Golf Club	Gold	118	65.2	94	(94 - 65.2) x 113 ÷ 118 =	27.6
<mark>June 19, 2024</mark>	Cypress Creek Golfers' Club	<mark>Gold</mark>	<mark>119</mark>	<mark>66.3</mark>	<mark>89</mark>	(89 - 66.3) x 113 ÷ 119 =	<mark>21.6</mark>
June 5, 2024	Hells Point Golf Club	Gold	122	68.8	98	(98 - 68.8) x 113 ÷ 122 =	27.0
May 29, 2024	Stumpy Lake Golf Course	Green	110	64.6	94	(94 - 64.6) x 113 ÷ 110 =	30.2
May 22, 2024	Suffolk Golf Course	<u>Green</u>	<mark>113</mark>	<mark>65.6</mark>	<mark>88</mark>	(88 - 65.6) x 113 ÷ 113 =	<mark>22.4</mark>
May 8, 2024	Battlefield Golf Club	Gold	109	65.2	96	(96 - 65.2) x 113 ÷ 109 =	31.9
May 1, 2024	Kempsville Greens Golf Course	Yellow	112	63.8	90	(90 - 63.8) x 113 ÷ 112 =	26.4
<mark>April 17, 2024</mark>	Red Wing Lake Golf Course	<mark>Gold</mark>	<mark>111</mark>	<mark>66.3</mark>	<mark>89</mark>	(89 - 66.3) x 113 ÷ 111 =	23.1
April 10, 2024	Honey Bee Golf Club	Blue	116	65.6	94	(94 - 65.6) x 113 ÷ 116 =	27.7
March 27, 2024	Sleepy Hole Golf Course	Yellow	122	66.5	94	(94 - 66.5) x 113 ÷ 122 =	25.5
Nov. 1, 2023	Sewells Point Golf Course	Red	108	63.0	88	(88 - 63.0) x 113 ÷ 108 =	26.2
Oct. 18, 2023	Aeropines Golf Course	<b>Orange</b>	<mark>115</mark>	<mark>66.4</mark>	<mark>89</mark>	(89 - 66.4) x 113 ÷ 115 =	<mark>22.2</mark>
Oct. 11, 2023	Kempsville Greens Golf Course	Green	112	63.8	92	(92 - 63.8) x 113 ÷ 112 =	28.5

Figure 2

Handicap Index 22.7 Average of 8 lowest Score Differentials of the last 20 rounds Sum of (21.4, 21.6, 22.2, 22.4, 23.1, 23.4, 24.1, 24.1) / 8 (182.3 / 8) = 22.79 (keep only last number after decimal point)

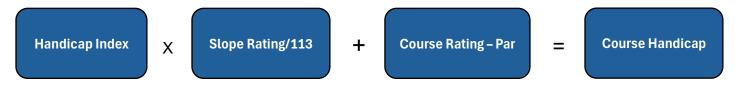
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There are two course factors used in handicapping – Course Rating and Slope Rating. Both are calculated/certified by the USGA/VSGA and are course specific and tee specific:

- **Course Rating** An indication of the difficulty of a golf course for the scratch player (HI of 0.0) under normal course and weather conditions.
- **Slope Rating** An indication of the relative difficulty of a golf course for players who are not scratch players compared to players who are scratch players.

Both factors come from the USGA National Course Rating Database, viewable on the Internet at <a href="ncrd.usga.org">ncrd.usga.org</a>.

**Course Handicap®** - As previously discussed, your Handicap Index is a portable number that represents your demonstrated ability - but when it comes time to tee it up, that number is converted to a Course Handicap, which accounts for the difficulty of the course and tees played. That conversion is depicted below:



### Example:

Using the data Figures 1 and 2, the player has a Handicap Index of 22.7. You are now able to calculate a Course Handicap for that player at Heron Ridge and Sewell's Point. Using the formula above:



Viewing these two examples, the USGA/VGSA has determined that Heron Ridge is a more difficult course than Sewell's Point based on their Course and Slope Ratings resulting in a higher Course Handicap on Heron Ridge than Sewell's Point. In a 36 – Minus format, that player would have to pull 3 more points on the easier course.

# VBSGC Wedge Course Handicap Tutorial 02/10/2025

#### How does Wedge Handicap (Old) compare to Wedge Course Handicap (New in 2025)?

### Wedge Handicap (Old)

It appears on the surface that just using the Wedge Handicap as we did in 2024 and prior, is a fair means to compare golfers of different abilities, using different tee boxes on different courses, but is it? We'll use 3 players in this explanation:

Player A	Wedge Handicap/Senior Tee	7	Wedge w/Course Handicap	7.2
Player B	Wedge Handicap/Senior Tee	16	Wedge w/Course Handicap	15.9
Player C	Wedge Handicap/Next Forward Tee	23	Wedge w/Course Handicap	22.7

Playing a 36 Minus format tournament using Wedge in 2024, players would need to pull the following points:

	River Front		Ocean View		
Player A	36 – 7 = 29 points	Player A	36 – 7 = 29 points		
Player B	36 - 16 = 20 points	Player B	36 - 16 = 20 points		
Player C	36 – 23 = 13 points	Player C	36 - 23 = 13 points.		

#### Wedge Course Handicap (New in 2025)

Handicap Index X Slope Rating/113 + Course Rating - Par = Course Handicap

Course	Tee Box	Tee Color	Par	Course Rating	Slope
Riverfront	Senior	Green	72	68.3	125
Riverfront	Next Forward	Gold	72	64.8	117
Ocean View	Senior	Silver	70	66.0	111
Ocean View	Next Forward	Red	70	62.0	100

Playing a 36 Minus format tournament at Riverfront using Wedge Course Handicap:

Player A – Course Handicap =  $7.2 \times (125/113) + (68.3 - 72) = 4$  Needs to pull 32 points Player B – Course Handicap =  $15.9 \times (125/113) + (68.3 - 72) = 14$  Needs to pull 22 points Player C – Course Handicap =  $22.7 \times (117/113) + (64.8 - 72) = 16$  Needs to pull 20 points

Playing a 36 Minus format tournament at Ocean View Wedge Course Handicap:

Player A – Course Handicap =  $7.2 \times (111/113) + (66.0 - 70) = 0$  Needs to pull 36 points Player B – Course Handicap =  $15.9 \times (111/113) + (66.0 - 70) = 8$  Needs to pull 28 points Player C – Course Handicap =  $22.7 \times (111/113) + (62.0 - 70) = 12$  Needs to pull 24 points

Riverfront and Ocean View are probably the difficulty extremes we play. Should we expect to pull the same number of points on both courses? Probably not. VBSGC is modifying Wedge beginning in 2025 to address the difficulty differences will ensure VBSGC provides a fair and level playing field regardless of the course played, tees used, or golfer's ability.

Difference in 36 Minus Points required from the examples above - Wedge Handicap (WH) vs Wedge Course Handicap (WCH):

	Riverfront	<u>WH</u>	<u>WCH</u>	<u>Dif</u>	Ocean View	<u>WH</u>	<u>WCH</u>	<u>Dif</u>
Player A		29	32	+3		29	36	+7
Player B		20	22	+2		20	28	+8
Player C		13	16	+3		13	24	+11