

Metro St. Louis Seniors Golf Association

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Handicap Glossary 2023

ADJUSTED GROSS SCORE	A player's gross score adjusted for Net Double Bogey on holes scored higher than the Net Double Bogey for the player's Course Handicap. This adjusted gross score is for handicap re-calculation only.
COURSE HANDICAP	The number of strokes a player receives from a specific set of tees at the course being played in relation to the Par of the tees being played. A Course Handicap is determined by applying the player's Handicap Guide to the Course Handicap Formula that includes a Course Rating minus Par adjustment. A player's Course Handicap is expressed as a whole number.
COURSE RATING (by tee)	The evaluation of the playing difficulty of a course from a specific set of tees and the expected score for a scratch golfer under normal course and weather conditions. It is expressed as strokes taken to one decimal place, and is based on yardage and other obstacles to the extent that they affect the scoring ability of a scratch golfer.
COURSE SLOPE (by tee)	The measurement of the playing difficulty of a course from a specific set of tees for players who are not scratch golfers compared to the Course Rating. The lowest Slope Rating is 55 and the highest is 155. A golf course of standard playing difficulty has a Slope Rating of 113.
GROSS SCORE	The number of actual strokes plus any penalty strokes taken by a player.
HANDICAP DIFFERENTIAL	The difference between a player's adjusted gross score and the Course Rating of the course and tees played, multiplied by 113, then divided by the Slope Rating from the tees played and rounded to the nearest tenth.
HANDICAP GUIDE (INDEX)	Reflects a player's potential and compares a player's scoring ability to the scoring ability of a scratch golfer on a course of standard difficulty. It is expressed as a number with one decimal place (e.g., 10.4) and is used in calculating a Course Handicap.
NET DOUBLE BOGEY	The maximum score for each hole played is limited to a net double bogey – which is equal to Par of the hole + 2 strokes (double bogey) + any handicap strokes. This maximum score is for handicap re-calculation only. Note: This is <u>NOT</u> the Quad Bogey per hole max used for pace of play purposes.
NET SCORE	A "net score" is a player's score after handicap strokes have been subtracted from the player's gross score.