

The Handicap Department has developed a Handicap Quiz. Below you will find 20 random questions on the Handicap System. Feel free to use any USGA Handicap materials to answer the questions. Once you have completed the quiz your score will be tallied and you will be provided with the answers and your score.

All Sections referenced in the answers can be found in the USGA Handicap System manual on our Web site. Also, you can obtain the manual through our Order Department or the Handicap Committee at your golf club. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (908)-234-2300 or [send us an e-mail](#). Good luck!

1. Who can issue a valid USGA Handicap Index®?

- A. Individuals
 - B. Licensed golf clubs & authorized golf associations through their member clubs
 - C. USGA®
 - D. All of the above
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2. How long does a tournament score remain eligible?

- A. As long as the Handicap Committee feels necessary
 - B. Until the end of the calendar year
 - C. For 12 months, or until if it is within a player's current 20-score history
 - D. For up to 50 scores
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3. Which of the following is NOT one of the elements used to determine a Handicap Differential™?

- A. Adjusted gross score
- B. Par
- C. Course Rating™
- D. Slope Rating®

4. The first handicap stroke hole should be:

- A. The most useful in matches between players of almost equal ability
 - B. Always the longest hole on the course
 - C. Allocated near the ends of each nine holes
 - D. Allocated on either the first or second hole on the course
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5. Which of the following should NOT be counted as a Tournament Score?

- A. Club Match Play Championship
 - B. Weekly League Competitions
 - C. Club Stroke Play Championship
 - D. US Open Local Qualifier
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6. Who can adjudicate questions of par for a particular hole?

- A. The USGA
 - B. The Club Pro
 - C. The authorized golf association
 - D. The Handicap Committee
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7. Player A has a Course Handicap™ of 11 and a Handicap Index of 9.2. Under Equitable Stroke Control™, what is the maximum score A can take on any hole?

- A. Double Bogey
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 8

8. Player A wishes to play an 18-hole round. However, before A can start the 14th hole a severe thunderstorm comes through and he does not get to finish his round. Is he required to post his score?

- A. No, because a full 18-hole round wasn't completed.
 - B. Yes, as a 9-hole score.
 - C. Yes, as an 18-hole score, after he finishes his round the next day.
 - D. Yes, as an 18-hole score taking par plus any handicap strokes on the holes 14-18, which were not played.
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9. Which of the following is NOT a form of peer review?

- A. Sending a newsletter
 - B. A centralized bulletin board at the golf club
 - C. Playing once a year in a company outing
 - D. A centralized computer at the golf club.
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10. What does a Course Handicap™ represent?

- A. The number of strokes over the Course Rating a player is expected to shoot on a particular course.
 - B. An average over par a player is expected to shoot on a particular course.
 - C. The number of strokes over 72 a player is expected to shoot on a particular course.
 - D. The number of strokes a player needs to win a match on a particular course.
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11. Which of the following is NOT a requirement of a golf club according to the USGA Handicap System™?

- A. Must have a minimum of 10 individuals.
- B. Must have a set of bylaws.
- C. Must have a computer for score posting purposes.

- D. Must form a Handicap Committee.
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12. When a player fails to post a score, what should the Handicap Committee at the club post?

- A. The score.
 - B. Par.
 - C. A penalty score and the applicable Course Rating and Slope Rating equal to the lowest (or highest) handicap differential in the scoring record.
 - D. Either a and/or c
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13. Who is eligible to serve as Handicap Chairman for the Handicap Committee at your club?

- A. The Club Pro.
 - B. The golf shop staff.
 - C. A member of the club.
 - D. The General Manager for the club.
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14. What is the maximum USGA Handicap Index for men and women?

- A. 36 for men and 40 for women
- B. 36.0 for men and women
- C. 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women
- D. There is no maximum

15. A and B are partners in a four-ball event. On the par-4 6th hole, A's drive is in the middle of the fairway, and B has hit two drives out of bounds and decides to pick up for the hole. What score should B record for handicap purposes?

- A. The most likely score he would have made on the hole if he finished out.
 - B. Par.
 - C. Par plus any handicap strokes he would have received on the 6th hole.
 - D. He cannot post this score because he didn't finish one hole.
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16. Player A is playing in a 9-hole event, but has an 18-hole Handicap Index. What should Player A do?

- A. Take half of the 18-hole Course Handicap.
 - B. Take half of the 18-hole Handicap Index then find the Course Handicap using the Course Handicap Table.
 - C. Player A would receive no strokes because A does not have a 9-hole Handicap.
 - D. Player A needs to establish a 9-hole Handicap Index.
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17. How many holes must be played in order for a 9-hole score to be acceptable?

- A. 9
- B. 8
- C. 7
- D. 6

18. Which of the following scores are NOT acceptable for posting for handicap purposes?

- A. Four-Ball Match Play
 - B. Two balls are played on each hole
 - C. Match Play
 - D. Plays alone
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19. Player A from New Jersey shoots a round of 76 in Florida in December. Is A required to post this score for handicapping purposes at his club in NJ?

- A. Yes, because it was made during an active season even though A's course is in an inactive season.
 - B. No, because A's course is in an inactive season.
 - C. No, because it was not at A's home course.
 - D. No, because A was on vacation.
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20. A Trend Handicap™ is:

- A. An unofficial estimate of a handicap
- B. Recommended by the USGA
- C. Includes unreviewed scores
- D. Both a and c