



**Competitions over a non-standard number of holes to be used for handicap purposes**

## What is it?

There will be a new clause added to Rule 3.2 permitting competitions played over a non-standard number of holes to be used for handicap purposes.

This new clause allows competitions played over 9 or any number of holes over 9 (such as 12, or 14 holes) to be used for handicap purposes.

The calculation will use the new method of expected score differential, to scale up the score for immediate use on a player's handicap record.

## Benefits

- The calculation will use the new method of expected score differential, to scale up the score for immediate use on a player's handicap record.
- The new method being introduced in 2024 endeavours to provide a more accurate prediction of what the player would have scored on holes not played by using an expected score differential rather than net par, and should, therefore, result in a more accurate Handicap Index®.
- More scores will be available for use on a player's Handicap Record.

