

USGA Handicap System Section 5-2g. Posting a Score from an Unrated Set of Tees on a Rated Course

Authorized Golf Associations issue a USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating for the most commonly played sets of tees. If a USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating from a selected set of tees are not available for the appropriate gender, the player may apply the following procedure on a temporary basis:

- Locate the nearest set of rated tees for the appropriate gender;
- Determine the yardage difference between the set of tees being played and the rated set of tees;
- Using the following table, find the range that includes the yardage difference;

WOMEN'S RATINGS ADJUSTMENTS FROM UNRATED TEES

| YARDS | CHANGE IN USGA COURSE RATING | CHANGE IN SLOPE RATING | YARDS | CHANGE IN COURSE RATING | CHANGE IN USGA SLOPE RATING |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0 to 8 | 0.0 | 0 | 621 to 638 | 3.5 | 7 |
| 9 to 26 | 0.1 | 0 | 639 to 656 | 3.6 | 8 |
| 27 to 44 | 0.2 | 0 | 657 to 674 | 3.7 | 8 |
| 45 to 62 | 0.3 | 1 | 675 to 692 | 3.8 | 8 |
| 63 to 80 | 0.4 | 1 | 693 to 710 | 3.9 | 8 |
| 81 to 98 | 0.5 | 1 | 711 to 728 | 4.0 | 8 |
| 99 to 116 | 0.6 | 1 | 729 to 746 | 4.1 | 9 |
| 117 to 134 | 0.7 | 1 | 747 to 764 | 4.2 | 9 |
| 135 to 152 | 0.8 | 2 | 765 to 782 | 4.3 | 9 |
| 153 to 170 | 0.9 | 2 | 783 to 800 | 4.4 | 9 |
| 171 to 188 | 1.0 | 2 | 801 to 818 | 4.5 | 10 |
| 189 to 206 | 1.1 | 2 | 819 to 836 | 4.6 | 10 |
| 207 to 224 | 1.2 | 2 | 837 to 854 | 4.7 | 10 |
| 225 to 242 | 1.3 | 3 | 855 to 872 | 4.8 | 10 |
| 243 to 260 | 1.4 | 3 | 873 to 890 | 4.9 | 10 |
| 261 to 278 | 1.5 | 3 | 891 to 908 | 5.0 | 11 |
| 279 to 296 | 1.6 | 3 | 909 to 926 | 5.1 | 11 |
| 297 to 314 | 1.7 | 4 | 927 to 944 | 5.2 | 11 |
| 315 to 332 | 1.8 | 4 | 945 to 962 | 5.3 | 11 |
| 333 to 350 | 1.9 | 4 | 963 to 980 | 5.4 | 11 |
| 351 to 368 | 2.0 | 4 | 981 to 998 | 5.5 | 12 |
| 369 to 386 | 2.1 | 4 | 999 to 1016 | 5.6 | 12 |
| 387 to 404 | 2.2 | 5 | 1017 to 1034 | 5.7 | 12 |
| 405 to 422 | 2.3 | 5 | 1035 to 1052 | 5.8 | 12 |
| 423 to 440 | 2.4 | 5 | 1053 to 1070 | 5.9 | 13 |
| 441 to 458 | 2.5 | 5 | 1071 to 1088 | 6.0 | 13 |
| 459 to 476 | 2.6 | 5 | 1089 to 1106 | 6.1 | 13 |
| 477 to 494 | 2.7 | 6 | 1107 to 1124 | 6.2 | 13 |
| 495 to 512 | 2.8 | 6 | 1125 to 1142 | 6.3 | 13 |
| 513 to 530 | 2.9 | 6 | 1143 to 1160 | 6.4 | 14 |
| 531 to 548 | 3.0 | 6 | 1161 to 1178 | 6.5 | 14 |
| 549 to 566 | 3.1 | 7 | 1179 to 1196 | 6.6 | 14 |
| 567 to 584 | 3.2 | 7 | 1197 to 1214 | 6.7 | 14 |
| 585 to 602 | 3.3 | 7 | 1215 to 1232 | 6.8 | 14 |
| 603 to 620 | 3.4 | 7 | 1233 to 1250 | 6.9 | 15 |

Key: Find the range that includes the difference in yardage between the rated tees and the unrated tees. The first column to the right is the change in USGA Course Rating, and the second column to the right is the change in Slope Rating. If the unrated tees are longer than the rated tees, their ratings are higher; if the unrated tees are shorter, their ratings are lower.

MEN'S RATINGS ADJUSTMENTS FROM UNRATED TEES

| YARDS | CHANGE IN USGA COURSE RATING | CHANGE IN SLOPE RATING | YARDS | CHANGE IN USGA COURSE RATING | CHANGE IN SLOPE RATING |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 0 to 10 | 0.0 | 0 | 407 to 428 | 1.9 | 5 |
| 11 to 32 | 0.1 | 0 | 429 to 450 | 2.0 | 5 |
| 33 to 54 | 0.2 | 0 | 451 to 472 | 2.1 | 5 |
| 55 to 76 | 0.3 | 1 | 473 to 494 | 2.2 | 5 |
| 77 to 98 | 0.4 | 1 | 495 to 516 | 2.3 | 5 |
| 99 to 120 | 0.5 | 1 | 517 to 538 | 2.4 | 6 |
| 121 to 142 | 0.6 | 1 | 539 to 560 | 2.5 | 6 |
| 143 to 164 | 0.7 | 2 | 561 to 582 | 2.6 | 6 |
| 165 to 186 | 0.8 | 2 | 583 to 604 | 2.7 | 6 |
| 187 to 208 | 0.9 | 2 | 605 to 626 | 2.8 | 7 |
| 209 to 230 | 1.0 | 2 | 627 to 648 | 2.9 | 7 |
| 231 to 252 | 1.1 | 3 | 649 to 670 | 3.0 | 7 |
| 253 to 274 | 1.2 | 3 | 671 to 692 | 3.1 | 7 |
| 275 to 296 | 1.3 | 3 | 693 to 714 | 3.2 | 8 |
| 297 to 318 | 1.4 | 3 | 715 to 736 | 3.3 | 8 |
| 319 to 340 | 1.5 | 4 | 737 to 758 | 3.4 | 8 |
| 341 to 362 | 1.6 | 4 | 759 to 780 | 3.5 | 8 |
| 363 to 384 | 1.7 | 4 | 781 to 802 | 3.6 | 9 |
| 385 to 406 | 1.8 | 4 | | | |

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Add the resulting table values to the ratings of the nearest set of tees rated for the appropriate gender if the unrated tees are longer than the rated tees, or subtract the resulting values if the unrated tees are shorter than the rated tees.

This method may also be used if a player plays a combination of tees. The player first determines the total yardage played and then applies the above procedure.

If the Committee in charge of a competition has used a combination of tees for a competition course, this procedure may be used. This procedure is not a substitute for a formal USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating.

For a nine-hole adjustment, the proper procedure is to use the actual yardage difference for the adjustment to the USGA Course Rating, and double the yardage difference to find the appropriate Slope Rating adjustment.

Example 1: A woman plays from the middle tees that are not rated for women. The women's USGA Course Rating from the forward tees is 71.6, and the Slope Rating is 119. The middle tees are 396 yards longer than the forward tees. She enters the 387 to 404 yard range, and this corresponds to adding 2.2 to the USGA Course Rating and 5 to the Slope Rating of the forward tees. She will post her score with a USGA Course Rating of 73.8 (71.6 + 2.2) and a Slope Rating of 124 (119 + 5).

Example 2: A man plays nine holes from the forward tees that are not rated for men. The men's nine-hole USGA Course Rating from the middle tees is 34.8, and the Slope Rating is 117. The forward tees are 195 yards shorter than the middle tees. He enters the 187 to 208 yard range to subtract 0.9 from the USGA Course Rating and the 385 to 406 yard range ($195 \times 2 = 390$) to subtract 4 from the Slope Rating of the middle tees.

He will post his score with a USGA Course Rating of 33.9 ($34.8 - 0.9$) and a Slope Rating of 113 ($117 - 4$).

Note 1 : If a player plays a course that does not have the necessary men's or women's USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating, the player should notify the Authorized Golf Association that has jurisdiction in that area.

Note 2 : If the yardage difference is more than 1,250 yards for women or 802 yards for men, the player finds one-half of the yardage difference on the table, doubles the corresponding numbers, and applies the procedure above. For example, if a man plays a yardage difference of 1,400 yards, he doubles the values for 700 yards from the table, and adds 6.4 (3.2×2) to the USGA Course Rating and 16 (8×2) to the Slope Rating.