

Playing Conditions Calculation

Course Ratings are based on normal playing conditions – but we all know that the difficulty of a golf course can vary substantially from day to day, due to course conditions, weather conditions and/or course set-up.

The Playing Conditions Calculation is here to help!

The Playing Conditions Calculation determines whether playing conditions on that day differ from normal conditions to the extent that an adjustment is needed to compensate.

It is dependent on:

- Whether significantly fewer players than anticipated attain their expected score and, consequently, conditions are determined to be harder than normal.
- Whether significantly more players than anticipated attain their expected score and, consequently, conditions are determined to be easier than normal.

How Does it Work?

- PCC is a daily statistical procedure that compares the scores submitted by players on the day against expected scoring patterns. The calculation is done at midnight each day.
- PCC requires at least 8 acceptable scores to be submitted for a valid calculation. If fewer than 8 acceptable scores are available, the PCC value is automatically “0”, regardless of the playing conditions.
- The more scores the PCC can evaluate, the more accurate the PCC value will be. This makes it very important that scores are posted by midnight on the day of play.
- The PCC will still be applied to scores *that are not posted on that day*; however, those scores will not be included in the data used for the calculation.
- Depending on the results of the daily PCC, adjustments of -1, 0, +1, +2 or +3 can be applied to the score differentials of all players who submit a score for that day.

The Good News: The Playing Conditions Calculation is done automatically on the Score Centre - all you have to do is post your scores!