

Stroke Index Allocation What is it and when is it used?

Each hole on the course has its own **Stroke Index Allocation** (SIA) value, 1 through 18. These values are known informally as “stroke holes” or “handicap holes”.

The process to determine a Stroke Index Allocation was adjusted with the introduction of the World Handicap System in 2020. It now utilizes a simple, consistent and data-based approach that can be applied to any course in the world, regardless of the number or type of players at the course.

In simplest terms – and as a starting point - the Stroke Index table is based on the Course Rating and on the overall difficulty of each hole relative to par. Value 1 for the hardest hole, value 18 for the easiest hole. Odd difficulty values are then assigned to the front 9 and even difficulty values to the back 9. Adjustments are made to the final allocation of values to holes for equitable assignment of strokes in match play.

In the end, it’s important to understand that the SIA values are not purely an indicator of hole difficulty.

Here’s a look at the Stroke Index Allocation values for Men and for Women as outlined on our scorecard.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	Total
Blue	304	146	396	152	330	475	338	499	407	3047	418	393	250	504	177	363	501	355	171	3132	6179
White	289	134	366	130	307	444	322	471	340	2803	411	371	240	479	166	346	470	344	151	2978	5781
Red	278	116	330	112	267	412	298	446	298	2557	401	298	220	449	150	281	399	306	117	2621	5178
Gold	278	116	292	83	221	367	243	352	231	2183	377	274	197	400	150	246	319	257	117	2337	4520
STROKE INDEX Men	15	17	3	13	7	1	11	9	5		8	10	4	6	16	12	2	14	18		
PAR	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	5	4	36	4 / 5	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	36	72/73
STROKE INDEX Women	7	15	1	17	5	13	9	3	11		14	6	18	2	12	10	4	8	16		

SIA values are important tools in both Stroke and Match Play. They are used in conjunction with a player’s course handicap – and in some instances playing handicap – to determine:

- **Maximum Adjusted Score/NET DOUBLE BOGEY**
- **NET PAR**
- **NET SCORING as used in Stableford and other competitions**
- **Strokes given or received in match play**