



Q&A for Clubs

Temporary Course Rating

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The daily tee markers on the 1st hole have been placed 70m forward of the permanent plates due to tee pad renovations. Can we handicap players from this teeing ground?

Yes. Although it is recommended that the remaining daily markers be positioned (forward or backward) to reflect the rated course length.

Our club is doing renovations and each hole will be closed individually over the next 3 months. Can our competitions still be handicapped?

Yes. When a hole is out of play, members should be advised to post a score of par plus any handicap strokes to which they are entitled on that hole (ie; 2 points in a Stableford competition).

Our club has a spare (19th) hole. What should we do when we want to take a hole out of play and replace it with the spare hole?

If you are replacing a par 3 with a spare hole that is also a par 3 you need to establish the variance in distance between the spare hole and the hole you wish to replace. If the spare hole can be included and variance is less than 100 metres (or 50 metres for 9 holes round), it is recommended that the remaining daily markers be positioned (forward or backward) to reflect the rated course length.

If you are replacing a par 4 or 5 with a par 3 spare hole, you will need to contact your State Association and request a temporary rating.

Our 15th green is currently under construction and we have cut a temporary green in the middle of the fairway. What should we do?

If the variance in length is less than 100 metres (or 50 metres for 9 hole round), it is recommended that the remaining daily markers be positioned (forward or backward) to reflect the rated course.

If the variance is more than 100 metres (or 50 metres for 9 hole round) and tees on holes not being modified cannot be adjusted to keep the overall length within 100 metres (or 50 metres for a 9 hole round) and/or the par has been altered, you will need to contact your State Association and request a temporary rating.

One of our greens is currently under construction and we have cut a temporary green in the middle of the fairway and reduced the par from 5 to 4. What should we do to ensure competitions are able to handicap?

You will need to contact your State Association for a temporary rating.

The ground staff moved the daily tee markers forward at least 10m from the permanent plates on every hole. Can we handicap the competition?

As the overall distance of the course will be reduced by more than 100 metres (or 50 metres for a 9 hole round), the competition will not be eligible for processing for handicap purposes.

Several of our greens are being increased in size over a period of time. How and when should we inform our State Association of the permanent changes?

You should inform your State Association upon completion of each green. The State Association will require the new length and width dimensions. If the contour of the green has been altered, photos will also be required.

My club has taken out a hole and split a par 5 to make two par 3s. What do we need to do to keep handicapping competitions?

You will need to contact your State Association for a temporary rating.

We are renovating a tee pad that only houses the White and Red permanent markers (Blue permanent markers have their own tee pad) and placing a temporary tee 120m forward. We are unable to move daily tee markers on any other holes backward. Do I need a temporary rating for both sets of tees?

Yes. You will require a temporary rating for both White and Red tees (not Blue tees). You will need to contact your State Association.