

MGC Members,

As many of you are well aware, the new World Handicap System (WHS) will go into effect after the first of the year. Also beginning in 2020 will be the MGC's new "Pick it and Stick With It" policy regarding tee box selections. What do these two have in common? Well, in this message I want to help everyone better understand the impact of the new WHS on their course handicap and the tee box you choose to play.

The new WHS will introduce a new course handicap formula that eliminates the need for Rule 3-5 adjustments when competitors are playing from different tee boxes. This new formula will instead work the difference in difficulty between the tee boxes into the actual course handicap you receive. This new course handicap formula is as follows:

$$\text{(Handicap Index X (Slope/113)) + (Course Rating – Par)}$$

Or in the case of a 13.1 index golfer on a course with a rating and slope of 68.3/118 and a par of 72

$$\text{(13.1 X (118/113)) + (68.3-72) = 10 Course Handicap}$$

Under the old (current) method golfers did not typically see a large difference between the course handicaps for different tee boxes. Only after the Rule 3-5 adjustments were made did the course handicap truly change to reflect the difference in difficulty for each tee box.

When making your choices of tee box for this year's "Pick It and Stick With It" program it will be important to fully understand the impact to your handicap. I would encourage you to use the formula above, or reference the examples below to get an idea for what your course handicap may look like under the WHS. Please feel free to ask myself or a member of our Handicap Committee for further guidance should you not fully understand some of the changes. Also available to you are some great pieces of information on the AGA's website. Go to azgolf.org under the "Learn" tab to find that information

Thank you,

Jimmy Pullano, PGA Head Profesional

****If you have already submitted your 2020 MGC Application and made your tee selection, you may still adjust that selection before the end of this year by re-submitting your application****

Example Course Handicaps on the Vista/Lake Combination

- **Combo Tees**
 - Course Rating – 68.2
 - Slope – 120
 - Par – 72
- **Silver Tees**
 - Course Rating – 66.5
 - Slope – 115
 - Par – 72

Handicap Index	Course Handicap (Combo Tee)	Course Handicap (Silver Tee)
5.6	2	0
10.3	7	5
15.7	13	10
19.4	17	14
23.0	21	18
27.5	25	22