

Explanation of Terms: Handicap System

In late 2015 we changed our handicap system to be in line with the new Golf Australia system. This came into effect for the 2016 Season.

From time to time Mr Perrin has been asked about certain aspects, but by far the most popular questions revolve around the **“Played to”** column on the Results Page.

Below is a more detailed explanation:

Every set of tees on every golf course will have a Slope Rating which has been determined in accordance with the new course rating system. The maximum Slope Rating is 155 (most difficult) and the minimum is 55 (least difficult).

The Neutral Slope Rating is 113.

Every set of tees will also have a Scratch Rating.

Player	Course	Gross	Net	H/cap	Differential	Played to
Laursen, Thomas	Gailes	91	67	24	20	18.2

Player, Course, Gross, Net, H/cap should be self-explanatory.

Differential

This is the difference between your **Gross Score (91)** & the **Scratch Rating (71)** of the course played.

Played to

This is a calculation to standardised your score to the Neutral Slope of 113.

20 (Differential) ÷ **124** (Slope Rating of Gailes White Tees) x **113** (Neutral Slope Rating).

A **GA Handicap** will be calculated by using the best 8 “Played to” of a player’s most recent 20 scores.

As a result, the GA Handicap will reflect a golfer’s ability on a course which has the neutral Slope Rating of 113.

Daily Handicap = GA Handicap located on “Look up Chart” for a particular course and set of tees.

See Gainsborough Greens Look up Chart.

Looks like a bit of work, but Mr Perrin has a spread sheet for each player, for every round they play, which has all the necessary formulae embedded. This will provide results almost immediately.

As always, if you are after your playing history, it can be supplied to you – just ask Mr Perrin.