

USGA Handicap Review Tools – Comparison to Other Software

The following table is intended to provide distinction between the USGA Handicap Review tool and other software available to golf clubs, where other software is permitted to provide additional information to support the Handicap Committee, as well as Competition Committees who have the discretion to set the terms of their Competition(s).

The USGA Handicap Review tool is the only tool authorized to recommend an adjustment to a player’s Handicap Index®. The USGA Handicap Review tool uses the Expected Score and Player Equations intrinsic within the World Handicap System™ (also used for the playing conditions calculation (PCC) and treatment of 9-hole and 10-17-hole scores).

USGA Handicap Review Tool	Other Software
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusively for Handicap Committees at authorized golf clubs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily used by Committees in charge of competitions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only authorized tool to recommend an adjustment to a player’s Handicap Index® (effective January 1, 2025). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be used to recommend an adjustment to a player’s Course Handicap™/Playing Handicap™.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizes World Handicap System™ Expected Score and Player Equations intrinsic to the WHS™. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May consider order of finish to award points for recommending adjustments.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided and delivered by the USGA to authorized golf clubs through their Allied Golf Association. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be used for additional data points to assist the Handicap Committee in its Handicap Review, such as tee-sheet comparisons for posting on the day of play.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated into handicap administration software for ease of use by clubs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May or may not be integrated with USGA handicap data.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retains historical information on recommended adjustments and action taken by the Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>MAY NOT</u> recommend an adjustment to a player’s Handicap Index.

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