



Course Rating and Handicapping Report Golf Newfoundland Labrador AGM November 2017

The **USGA Course Rating System** takes into account the factors that affect the playing difficulty of a golf course.

Accuracy and consistency are the keys to effective course rating. A course must first be accurately measured. The measured yardage must then be corrected for the effective playing length. These effective playing length corrections are roll, elevation, dogleg/forced lay-up, prevailing wind, and altitude. Obstacles that affect playing difficulty must then be evaluated in accordance with established standards. These standards increase objectivity in course rating.

The rating process requires a study of each hole, including detailed data obtained at every landing zones for both the scratch and the bogey golfer. The rating team uses the average shot lengths for both scratch and bogey golfers to determine the landing zones. Length corrections and obstacle values are considered at each landing zone.

Course Rating™ is an evaluation of the overall difficulty of the golf course for the scratch golfer under normal course and weather conditions. It's a number, close to par for the course, and is expressed with a single decimal digit. Rating values go up with difficulty. For any given golf course, you can expect to see multiple values for the Course Rating. Each value corresponds to a different tee.

For example, on this same course, the Course Rating for golfers who play from the men's blue tees might be 72.8. From the men's white tees, the Course Rating might be 71.0. The ladies' red tees may be rated at 73.3.

Slope Rating® is the USGA® mark that indicates the measurement of the relative difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch golfers compared to scratch golfers. It is computed from the difference between the Bogey Rating and the USGA Course Rating times a constant factor and is expressed as a whole number from 55 to 155. A golf course of standard playing difficulty has a Slope Rating of 113.

Handicaps, and course rating and course slope go hand-in-hand. Handicap is a number assigned to a golfer, indicating the average number of strokes above par a player is likely to score for any given round.

For example, a golfer with an 18 handicap would typically shoot 18-over par during a round of 18 holes. On a course with a course rating of 72, this golfer would be expected to shoot 90. Meanwhile, a golfer with a 20 handicap would be expected to shoot 92 on this same course.

Golf NL Course Rating: In complying with the USGA Course Rating System™ courses must be re-rated at least every 10 years, or if it is a new golf course, within 5 years. A course must also be re-rated if significant changes (ex. Construction, renovations) have been made to the course.

During the 2017 golfing season three courses visited last season had their data compiled and updated in the both USGA and Golf Canada systems.

- The Willows – 9 hole course
- Gander Golf Club - 18 Hole Course
- Grand Falls Golf Club - 18 Hole Course

The Course Rating Schedule for the next 10 years is as follows:

- 2018
 - Clovelly Golf - Black Duck
 - Clovelly Golf - Osprey
 - Humber Valley Resort
- 2019
 - Pitcher's Pond
- 2020
 - Blomidon Golf Club
 - Harmon Seaside Links
 - Pippy Park (Captain's Hill)
 - Pippy Park (Admirals Green)
- 2021
 - Grande Meadows
 - The View Golf Resort
 - The Wilds Golf Resort
- 2022
 - Bally Haly Golf & Curling Club
 - Humber River Golf Club
- 2023
 - Glendenning Golf
- 2024
 - Amaruk Golf Club
 - Tamarack Golf Club
- 2025
 - Brookside Golf Resort & RV Park
 - Terra Nova Resort - Eagles Creek
 - Terra Nova Resort - Twin Rivers
- 2026
 - Gander Golf Club
 - Grand Falls Golf Club
 - The Willows

Respectfully Submitted;

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