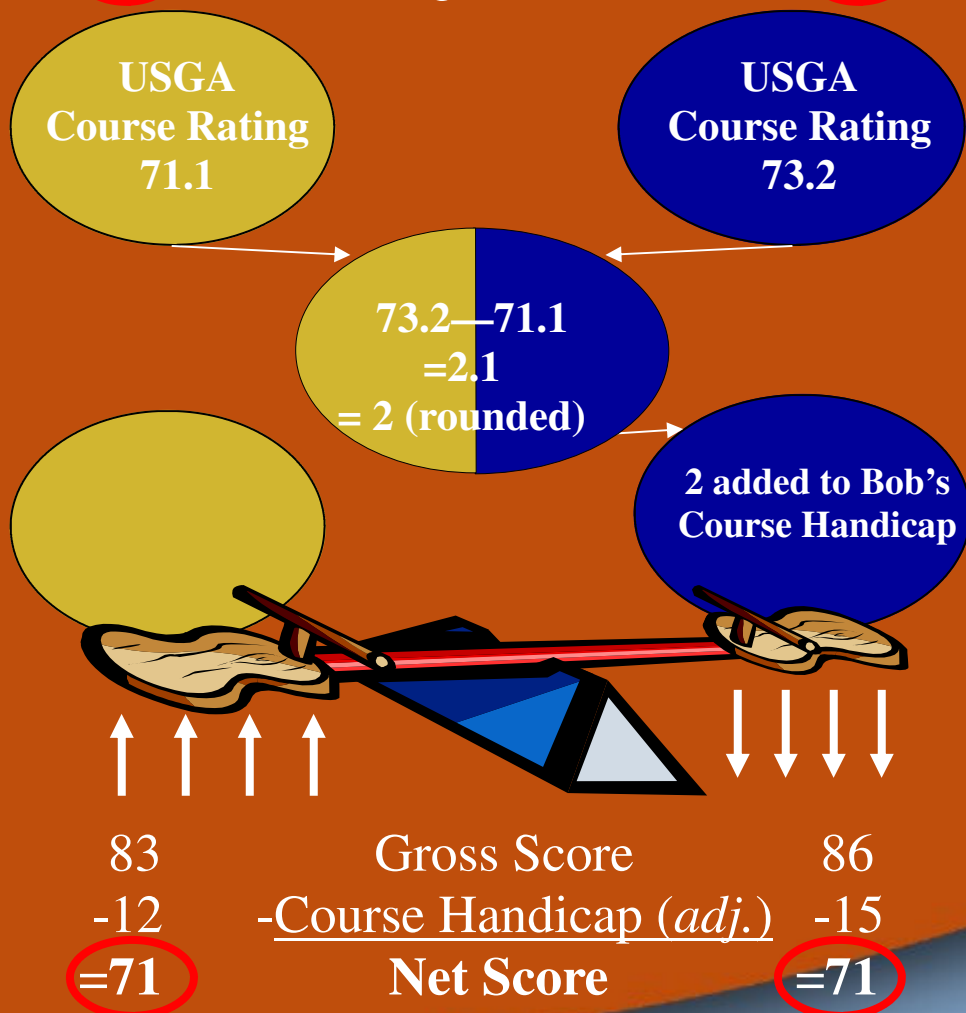


Section 3-5 Procedure

G ary	vs.	B ob
Gold Tees		Blue Tees
10.4	USGA Handicap Index	10.4
130	USGA Slope Rating	140
12	Course Handicap	13
+71.1	Course Rating	+73.2
83	← Target Score →	86



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Answers:

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Common questions:

1) Do I establish my handicap from a particular set of tees?

2) Doesn't my Course Handicap and/or Slope Rating make up for the difficulty between the two sets of tees?

3) I have a Course Handicap for a particular set of tees; why am I or other members of my group subject to that number being changed when competing against other players?

4) What is a Target Score?

5) What is a Net Score?

6) Do you apply Section 3-5 for man vs. woman, man/woman vs. man/woman?

- 1) **No.** You **do not** establish your handicap from a particular set of tees. A USGA Handicap Index is the threshold that a player will meet or better 20-25% of the time on the USGA Standard Slope Rating of 113 (*Section 10-1, Introduction*).
- 2) Course Handicap (CH) gives a golfer the number of strokes needed to play down to the level of a scratch golfer, or the Course Rating of a particular set of tees. $CH = \text{Handicap Index} \times \text{Slope Rating of tees played} \div 113$, rounded and expressed as a whole number (i.e. CH 18).
- 3) The Course Handicap, as calculated, only focuses on you. It doesn't take into account where other competitors might play from. When players play from tees with different USGA Course Ratings, their benchmarks have changed. The *USGA Handicap System* Section 3-5 adjustment is to rebalance the standard for comparison.
- 4) Target Score equals Course Handicap plus Course Rating.
The score you need to shoot to play to your handicap:
Gary CH 12 + CR 71.1 = **83**, Bob CH 13 + CR 73.2 = **86**.
- 5) Net Score equals Gross Score minus Course Handicap.
Need to shoot toward the same net score for 3-5 to work:
Gary 83 - 12 = **71**, Bob 86 - 15 (*adjusted for Section 3-5*) = **71**.
- 6) **Yes**, in both cases. Everyone needs to play to the same Course Rating. The two options are to add the rounded difference in Course Rating to the higher Course Rating tee players *or* subtract from the lower Course Rating tee players (*Decision 3-5/1, USGA Handicap System*).



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