

Index Change In Level Play

In level (i.e. not handicap) play, it must be remembered that the Index Change arising from a match depends not on the handicap difference but on the number of **steps** difference. This can be derived easily as follows.

We can associate with each handicap a notional Handicap Step Value (HSV), shown in the HSV table (below left). (For checking handicap changes, the HSV Table also shows the Index value for each handicap trigger point.) From this table find the HSV for each player's handicap and subtract them, giving the Handicap Steps Difference, then refer to the Level Play Table (below right) to obtain the resultant Index Change.

Alternatively — provided that both handicaps are 12 or less, and it is not a 14-pt. game — simply use the handicaps of the players to read off the Index Change directly from the cross-reference table below.

The Index Change (determined by whichever method) is then added to the winner's index, the same value being subtracted from the loser's index.

HSV	H'cap.	Index
-21	-3	3050
-16	-2½	2800
-12	-2	2600
-8	-1½	2400
-5	-1	2250
-2	-½	2100
0	0	2000
1	½	1950
2	1	1900
3	1½	1850
4	2	1800
5	2½	1750
6	3	1700
7	3½	1650
8	4	1600
9	4½	1550

HSV	H'cap.	Index
10	5	1500
11	6	1450
12	7	1400
13	8	1350
14	9	1300
15	10	1250
16	11	1200
17	12	1150
18	14	1100
19	16	1050
20	18	1000
21	20	950
22	22	900
23	24	850

Handicap Steps Difference	Index Change			
	Higher-Handicap Player Wins		Lower-Handicap Player Wins	
	26-pt.	14-pt.	26-pt.	14-pt.
0	10	5	10	5
1	11	6	9	4
2	12		8	
3	13	7	7	3
4	14		6	
5	15	8	5	2
6	16		4	
7 or 8	17	9	3	1
9 or 10	18		2	
11 or more	19		1	

HSV Table

Level Play Table

Winner's h/cap.	Loser's handicap																							
	-3	-2½	-2	-1½	-1	-½	0	½	1	1½	2	2½	3	3½	4	4½	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
-3	10	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
-2½	15	10	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
-2	18	14	10	6	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
-1½	19	17	14	10	7	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
-1	19	19	17	13	10	7	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
-½	19	19	18	16	13	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	19	19	19	17	15	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
½	19	19	19	18	16	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	19	19	19	18	17	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
1½	19	19	19	19	17	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
2	19	19	19	19	18	16	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1
2½	19	19	19	19	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1
3	19	19	19	19	19	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1
3½	19	19	19	19	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2
4	19	19	19	19	19	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2
4½	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3
5	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
6	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
7	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
8	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
9	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
10	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
11	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
12	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10