

Professional Golfers Competitive Index

This user guide will explain how our Professional Golfers Competitive Index system works.

When you subscribe to one of our services you will receive a Datasheet (or Ranksheet, depending on which service) for each tournament that week. The Datasheet is a list of all the players entered a particular event, along each player name is a list of unique figures. These figures represent the basis of the Swingform system, and collectively they are called The Professional Golfers Competitive Index. The PGCI is a comprehensive ranking system that gives each player his own set of figures where 1 unit = 1 shot over a round of golf - This makes for an easy clear-cut comparison between players for an upcoming tournament.

Lets look at an example, in the hope of illustrating the difference between two players and their CI's:

Joe Bloggs is holding a CI of -2.0 (that's minus two, or two under) and Fred Smith has a CI of 1.0 (one over or plus one). A players CI is basically the number of shots under or over a competitive score* we expect them to be for one round of golf. So from the two CI's given above we can determine that Joe Bloggs is deemed to be three shots per round more competitive (or better,) than Fred Smith. From these figures we can elaborate further and anticipate that Joe Bloggs has every chance that his four round total for the week will be around 8 under the aggregate Competitive Score. From this information Joe can be deemed very competitive indeed, dare I say even fancied! Certainly more so than poor Fred Smith who is more likely to finish around 4 over the Competitive Score for the week.

** A competitive score is calculated for each round of every tournament.*

It is neither par for the course nor an average score.

Now you know what these figures on the datasheet represent, lets look at the different ways they are used, we'll start with what has proved to be one of the most important, a players main 'CI'

CI Competitive Index

CI is a figure calculated for each player using **all the scores he's returned in all tournaments**. This figure indicates how competitive a player is deemed to be on average if you like. Any player with a CI around zero (eg. 0.0) could be considered competitive. A player with a minus figure CI (eg. -1.6) would be considered more so, just as a player with a CI above zero (eg +1.3) would be considered less competitive.

CCI

Course Competitive Index

A player's CCI is calculated from his scores returned from one particular course only. The course in question is always the one they are about to play. This is a particularly useful statistic as many players always play well (or badly) on certain courses. Whether this is to do with how inspired they feel by a particular venue, or that the course just happens to suit their eye and their game.

Note: In a situation where a player has not played previously on the course in question his CCI will be blank. On a new venue that hasn't been used before obviously all the player's CCI will be blank.

3sCI

Three Start Competitive Index

CI Based on a player's last 3 starts

Whilst a player's CI is a calculation based on all the rounds he has played. A 3sCI is a figure based on a player's scores returned from his previous 3 starts only. This figure is an excellent indication of a player's very recent form. The adjoining number in the 3Spr column gives the spread (in weeks) over which these three starts have been played

6sCI

Six Start Competitive Index

CI Based on a player's last 6 starts

As above but based on a player's last 6 starts. Again the adjoining number gives the spread (in weeks) over which these were played.

LP

Last Played

A number to indicate how many weeks since a player has played. A number one in this box would mean that particular player played last week.

SR

The Swingform Rating

A formula that uses all the PGCI's in order of relevant importance. This figure is effectively each player's anticipated four round aggregate CI for the current week. One whole number still represents one golf shot.

Rank

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A single number ranking that reflects the SR from the best to the worst player in the field. Rank 1 being the best.

AveCI

Average Competitive Index

A figure to represent the average of all the CI figures a player has taken into each event he's played in.

AveFP

Average Finishing Position

A figure to represent the average of all the Finishing Positions a player has taken from each event he's played in.

Last 6 (Gold Service, Player Pages only)

Last 6 Finishing Positions

Six figures to represent a player's last six finishing positions.

CI1, CI2, CI3 & CI4

Competitive Index for Round One, Two, Three & Four

A figure to represent a player's Competitive Index by round

MIP

Most Improved Player

A figure to represent whether a player has improved or deteriorated in recent starts. A negative red number signifies improvement, its value relates to his ranking in recent weeks compared to his ranking historically.

Spec.

Special

The Special column is a CI figure based on a set of tailored parameters that will apply specifically to that tournament. The details of the parameters in a given week will be displayed in the Tournament Preview. A whole variety of conditions will be used throughout the year, from such as a CI based on Florida Golf Courses to one on Links Golf, and from Bermuda grass to Round Four of Major Championships!