



World Handicap System

All you need to know on one page

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- 1 - The start date for clubs in Great Britain is 2 November 2020
- 2 – There will no longer be a home club handicap, everyone has a World Handicap
- 3 – In GB, only Individual competitive rounds and pre-advised supplementary rounds will count towards your **Handicap Index**
- 4 – Your **Handicap Index** is based on your best 8 rounds of last 20 scores, calculated to one decimal place. A lesser number of completed rounds has a lower take, eg 4 from 12. Rounds to count will be taken back to 1 Jan 2018.
- 5 – There will no longer be the 0.1 increase or buffer zones or active/competition handicaps. Whilst you are a member of an affiliated club your handicap will remain.
- 6 – **Course Rating** is based on the USGA Course and Slope Rating system. The **Course Rating** replaces the SSS, to one decimal place. The **Slope Rating** is a calculation based on rating the course for a bogey golfer against the rating for a scratch golfer, on the same day and under the same conditions.
- 7 – CSS will be replaced by a Playing Condition Calculation (or Course Condition Adjustment) to allow for adverse weather
- 8 – Your **Handicap Index** is updated each night, so daily card submission is essential
- 9 – Submitted scores go two ways; for handicaps updates to the WHS cloud and for competition results to the club computer.
- 10 – The WHS will run all year, providing games are played on a measured course
- 11 – Players can submit cards from non-home courses for handicap purposes
- 12 – The **Course Handicap**, used for social games, is your **Handicap Index x Course Slope Rating/113**
- 13 – the 113 is the world standard for **Slope Rating**, based on a “perfect course”
- 14 – Look-up tables, using your individual **Handicap Index** as the starting point, will be available at all clubs to find your **Course Handicap**, or use an App.
- 15 – **Playing Handicap** is what you have when playing competitions, calculated by the computer when you log-in to enter a competition. There are specific Handicap Allowances for each type of game played
- 16 – To restrict excessive Handicap Index movements there are soft and hard caps.