

Why change to WHS

- Current system is based on a player's potential ability and does not provide portability while traveling from course to course or equity during competitive play.
- Six different systems in place today – each calculates differently creating different handicaps
- Golf already has a unified set of playing Rules, one set of Equipment Rules and one code for Amateur Status.
- The time is right to introduce a unified handicap system!

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

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Benefits of WHS

- **Inclusive** – makes it as easy as possible for golfers to obtain and maintain a handicap
- **Portable** – allows golfers to use their Handicap Index on any course around the world
- **Consistent** – allows golfers around the world to compete or play recreationally on a fair and equal basis
- **Modern & Adaptable** – real time updates of your handicap and accommodating of local cultures i.e won't change the way golf is played in Scotland
- **Fair** - measures and stores a golfer's demonstrated ability and reflects current form (instead of potential ability)

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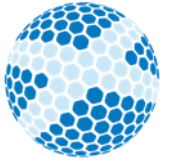
Key features

World Handicap System



Scottish
Golf

Handicap index calculation



Scottish
Golf

Your
**Handicap
Index** is
based on:



Example of 8 of 20 Calculation

Score No.	Date Played	Course	Course Rating	Slope Rating	Adjusted Gross Score	Score Differential
1	22/9/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	91	18.5
2	5/9/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	92	19.4
3	1/9/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	99	25.8
4	28/8/20	GC	70.5	125	89	16.7
5	23/8/20	River GC	71.3	127	92	18.4
6	26/7/20	Meadow GC	72.2	131	87	12.8
7	14/7/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	97	24.0
8	4/7/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	88	15.8
9	19/6/20	River GC	71.3	127	87	13.5
10	16/6/20	Valley GC	69.9	118	95	24.0
11	12/6/20	Forest GC	70.1	115	86	15.6
12	5/6/20	Meadow GC	72.2	131	85	11.0
13	2/6/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	82	10.4
14	30/5/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	94	21.2
15	25/5/20	Valley GC	69.9	118	89	18.3
16	22/5/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	97	24.0
17	29/4/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	85	13.1
18	14/4/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	93	20.3
19	10/4/20	Hill GC	70.5	125	94	21.2
20	3/4/20	Meadow GC	72.2	131	86	12.1
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- Adding together the best 8 differentials out of the last 20:

12.8
+ 15.8
+ 13.5
+ 15.6
+ 11.0
+ 10.4
+ 13.1
+ 12.1
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= 104.3 / 8

Handicap Index of 13.0

Course handicap

- A Course Handicap will determine the number of strokes a player will receive when playing from any set of tees on a given course.
- Before a player starts their round, they must convert their Handicap Index into a Course Handicap. This is the handicap a player must put on their card and used for the round of golf being played.

Handicap Index

X

(Slope Rating ÷ 113)

	Handicap Index	x	(Slope Rating ÷ 113)	=	Course Handicap
Olympic Golf Course (Black)	15.0	x	(144 ÷ 113)	=	19
Olympic Golf Course (White)	15.0	x	(128 ÷ 113)	=	17

Playing Handicap

- Playing Handicap is the stroke allowance that a player will receive when playing in a competition. It provides equity for the competition and ensures all golfers compete on a fair and equal basis.
- It is only used for competition purposes; Golfers do not need to calculate it (it will be generated before their round usually by the software being used by the golf club or competition provider).
- **Remember the course handicap is what golfers must use in their competitive rounds!**

Playing Handicap

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Course Handicap

X

Handicap Allowance

Safeguards

- **Low Handicap index**

The lowest Handicap Index achieved by a player during the 12-month period preceding the most recent score on their scoring record

- **CAP**

A Soft Cap and Hard Cap limit any extreme upward movement of a player's Handicap Index within a 365-day period.

Caps only start to take effect once a player has 20 acceptable scores in their record.

Playing Conditions Calculation

- The PCC assesses whether playing conditions on the day were 'normal' or significantly harder or easier than normal.
- Similar to the current CSS but takes into account all scores submitted on the day on a particular course.
- Applied directly to a player's scoring record
- ranges from -1 to +3

Summary

- Basic calculation of best 8 of last 20 scores
- Slope Rating adjustment to Course & Playing Handicap
- Cap mechanism – restricting upward movement
- PCC – robust, but conservative mechanism
- Exceptional score leads to immediate reduction; can be triggered by one score
- Net double bogey – maximum hole score for handicap purposes
- Go out and play and submit your score!