

# The World Handicap System



Over the coming weeks I will try to give you a gradual introduction to the World Handicapping System.

## The NEW World Handicap System is designed to:

Attract more players to the game, make the game more enjoyable and make handicapping easier to understand. The system will also give golfers a Handicap Index which is portable to use from course to course.

### NEW RULE

Rules of Handicapping

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Course Rating System

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World Handicap System

The W.H.S now incorporates the rules of handicapping with the course rating system.

## Why has the World Handicap System been created?

### WHS HAS BEEN CREATED TO:

- Allow golfers to obtain and maintain a Handicap Index
- Allow golfers to use their Handicap Index from course to course
- Allow golfers to compete, or play recreationally
- Unify the previous six different handicapping systems

There was a definite need to have a unified system around the world as more players enjoy golf abroad both recreational and competitive golf.



Remember the words Handicap Index - that's what you carry with you wherever you play. You only have one and only one home club which maintains your index. At every other club you are an away member.

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## How does the World Handicap System work?

In order for the World Handicap System to work, golfers will need to obtain a Handicap Index.

For regular golfers, this will be done by:

- Calculating the best eight scores from the previous 20 rounds

For new golfers, they will have to:

- Submit scorecards of 54 holes (3x 18 holes, 6x 9 holes or any combination of 9 and 18 holes) to their golf club's Handicap Committee

To have a handicap Index that truly reflects your golfing ability it is important to submit as many acceptable scores as possible before 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. That includes qualifying scores from competitions and supplementary scores. - remembering to sign in before going out to signify intention to play.

**COMING INTO PLAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

I shall be back soon with more information, but for the impatient ones there is lots more on the England Golf Website.

To find out more on the  
World Handicap System visit:  
**[englandgolf.org/whs](https://www.englandgolf.org/whs)**



There is a Powerpoint Presentation with videos for members on the website, which is narrated by Gemma Hunter, Head of England Golf Handicapping.

<https://www.englandgolf.org/whs/golf-clubs/educate-your-members/>

click on the Heading Presentation to Members

From there you can download content to view.

It was my intention to give this Presentation to Club members myself but as time is running out and we are not allowed to gather at present, this may not be possible.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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