

## World Handicap System Update



Participants of our Matches & Competitions Committee recently attended a third England Golf workshop on the forthcoming World Handicap System.

The basis of the new system remains a rolling average of your best 8 qualifying scores from your previous 20 such scores but some extra detail was added. It was also confirmed that the WHS will be introduced in GB&I on 2nd Nov 2020, though some countries could be earlier.

One key new detail is that the 20 scores will only be considered from the 2 years prior to 2nd November and that a minimum of 3 x 18 hole scores (or 6 x 9 hole scores) will be required during this period in order to gain a Handicap Index. Competition and pre-registered Supplementary scores will continue to count as qualifying but so will regular, organised roll ups and society events, without pre-registration, provided they are played to the Rules of Golf (preferred lies in the rough are not allowed for qualifying purposes).

England Golf are therefore encouraging all golfers to submit as many qualifying scores as possible during the remainder of this 2 year period, in order to gain a) a Handicap Index and b) one that reflects current playing ability as much as possible. Sheila Parker is planning to hold one or more presentations to members during this summer when she will attempt to explain the new system and answer questions but in the meantime much detail can be found on the England Golf website: [www.Englandgolf.org](http://www.Englandgolf.org)

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