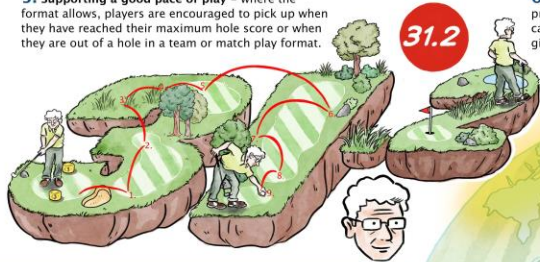


# The World Handicap System – Inclusivity and Safeguards

**5. Supporting a good pace of play** – where the format allows, players are encouraged to pick up when they have reached their maximum hole score or when they are out of a hole in a team or match play format.



**6. Daily Revisions** – with scores submitted promptly after each round, a player's Handicap Index can be updated ready for the next day, or soon after, giving them instant feedback on their progress.



**7. Safeguards** – a poor series of scores won't increase your Handicap Index too quickly. While rapidly improving ability is recognized by applying additional reductions to your Handicap Index for exceptional scores.



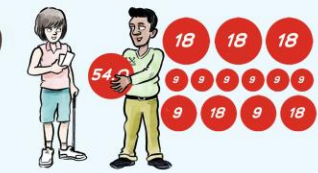
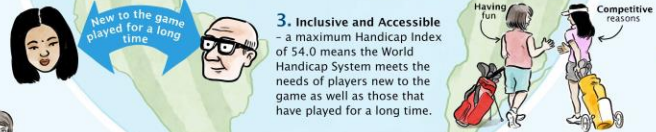
**1. The World Handicap System is welcoming** – to all players regardless of age, gender, ability or nationality and no matter what sort of golf they like to play or how much time they have.



**2. Having a Handicap Index** – gives players a sense of their golfing ability, providing them with a score to aim for and allowing them to track their progress.

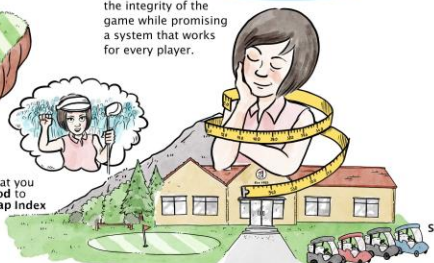


**3. Inclusive and Accessible** – a maximum Handicap Index of 54.0 means the World Handicap System meets the needs of players new to the game as well as those that have played for a long time.



**4. A flexible system** – obtain a first Handicap Index by simply submitting scores from 54 holes, in any combination of 9 or 18 holes, in an authorized format of play and in accordance with the Rules of Handicapping.

**11. A Balancing Act** – these measures combine to maintain the integrity of the game while promising a system that works for every player.



**9. The Handicap Committee** – plays a major role in welcoming new players to the sport and managing their handicaps. They may offer separate competitions for different handicap ranges or separate Scratch and Handicap prizes, allowing players of all abilities to enjoy the thrill of competition.



**10. Handicap Review** – carried out at least once a year, to ensure players' handicaps continue to reflect their demonstrated ability.



**8. Certification** – your score must either be verified by a marker or reviewed by peers. If you fail to submit a score when required, a penalty score may be applied to your scoring record.