

# WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

The World Handicap System is designed to be inclusive and accessible to new golfers. They need only submit a small number of scores, in any combination of 9 or 18-hole scores, to obtain an initial Handicap Index- the maximum being 54.0



## Maximum Handicap Index

This presents realistic, achievable targets each time they play and allows them to track their progress within the game

Offering a Handicap Index up to 54.0 provides greater incentives for new golfers to keep playing.

The competitions offered should also accommodate all levels of handicap, to give everyone a chance of doing well and having fun.



Responsive updates ensure a Handicap Index continues to reflect a player's golfing ability.



To ensure continued enjoyment of the game for all golfers, Club Committees should encourage proper etiquette and a good pace of play, reminding players they can pick up when appropriate if the format of play allows.



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