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a Handicap Index, the new WHS is less formidable for new players
With all golfers only initially required to submit scorecards for 54 holes to acquire
who play both sporadically and more regularly.
The WHS was therefore developed with consideration given to club golfers making for a more inclusive and equitable sport. and USGA, it makes sense to unify the previous six different Handicapping systems, With golf being centred around one standard set of rules governed by The R\&A

To allow as many golfers as possible the opportunity to:

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for all other levels of ability can be deduced. rationalise the relationship between the two. From this, the difficulty of the course Knowing the Course Rating and Bogey Rating allows the WHS to assess and a male and 24 for a female) by a Bogey Golfer (a player who has a Course Handicap of approximately 20 for A Bogey Rating is the measure of playing difficulty from a set of tees when played - The obstacles that a player will encounter (e.g. size of green and hazards)
The rating does this by assessing two main types of challenges which, when
combined, result in a common base from which to compare players' abilities:
Handicap of zero on all rated golf courses) should take on any given course.
 Golf Course Rating will be used to measure the playing difficulty of a golf course.
What is Course Rating?
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Golfer from the same set of tees.

 Slope Rating is the number which indicates the relative playing
What is Slope Rating?

What is a Handicap Index?
The Handicap Index is considered to be the most important element of the WHS.
The Handicap Index will:

- Measure the ability of a player
- Be portable from course to course
within the game complete fairly and therefore promote inclusivity
A Handicap Index is calculated from the best eight scores from the last
$\mathbf{2 0}$ rounds.
As a new score is submitted, a player's Handicap Index will automatically update
to the most recent 20 scores. A player's Handicap Index will update promptly
overnight after the submission of an acceptable score and be ready before the next
time they play.
How to obtain a Handicap Index?
When the new system comes into play most golfers can have a Handicap Index
generated, based on their existing records.
For new golfers to gain their Handicap Index they will have to submit a minimum
of 54 holes (using any combination of 9 and 18 holes). Their Handicap Index will
be the lowest of their three rounds minus two strokes and continue to be built until
the preferred 20 scores are achieved.

far away from their actual ability.

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 The Soft Cap will suppress movement by $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ after a $\mathbf{3 . 0}$ stroke increase
introduced to act as a safeguard to prevent any handicap manipulation. movement of a player's Handicap Index within a 365-day period. This has been A Soft Cap and Hard Cap will be implemented to limit any extreme upward
How to safeguard a Handicap Index?


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on the course and play! their Course Handicap. It really is as simple as that - they're then ready to get out reference their Handicap Index on the Course \& Slope Rating table to ascertain Golfers simply have to choose the tees they are playing off that day and cross their round. locations around the club to make it simple for all golfers to find prior to beginning example provided on the next page). Tables should be positioned in conspicuous England Golf has provide Course \& Slope Rating tables to all golf clubs (as per the
How to work out a Course Handicap?

## KDld pup $\mathfrak{q n o} \circ$ ○ © (2) Course Handicap <br> (1) Handicap Index

It's as easy as HCP!

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An easy way for a player to remember the WHS, is to think HCP!
for any set of tees on a course.
The Course Handicap will determine the number of strokes a player will receive
into a Course Handicap.
Before any player starts their round they must convert their Handicap Index
What is Course Handicap?
Course Handicap

Course Handicap (rounded)
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their Course Handicap manually the formula is as
follows:
 can view their Course Handicap remotely prior via an App and club handicap software so golfers




The focus for golfers should not be on their Playing Handicap. at the forefront. The WHS will allow golfers to play with freedom,
therefore changing the nature in which they play the game. The WHS has been designed with the enjoyment of recreational golf
handicap allowances for all competition formats. On the following page a table example is available which shows mandatory Koid uolalıədmoכ u!
 and changes depending on the format of play The Course Handicap converts to a Playing Handicap for competition purposes
to compete on a level playing field, regardless of their Handicap Index. to maintain the integrity of the WHS when used in competition. It allows golfers Playing Handicap is a mandatory stroke allowance that is implemented in order
What is Playing Handicap?

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The following page in this toolkit includes a table of authorised formats of play. For golfers playing in recreational rounds with friends, either in teams
or pairs, even when there is no intention of submitting a score for handicap
purposes, they will need to calculate their Course Handicap prior to
their round.
 Index include: Non-Acceptable formats of play for submitting a score towards a player's Handicap

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Acceptable formats of play for submitting a score towards a player's Handicap
Index include:





be able to access the WHS Platform through the England Golf Website a score has been entered to count towards their Handicap Index, and will Golfers will be able to review their updated Handicap Index the morning after Platform here.
from $2^{\text {nd }}$ November 2020) will allow golfers to regularly check on the progress
of their Handicap Index. Golfers can sign up to the England Golf WHS The recently launched England Golf WHS Platform (and the My England Golf app

## England Golf Platform

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 the club.
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 for golf clubs to download. A glossary of all key terms about the WHS was made available
 player from the same set of tees. It is the difficulty comparison between a bogey player and a scratch difficulty of a course for bogey golfers, compared to scratch golfers. The Slope Rating is the number which indicates the relative playing
of tees when played by a scratch golfer. The Course Rating is the measure of playing difficulty from a set Course Rating will receive when they play with or against other players, depending
on the format of play and the handicap allowance. A Playing Handicap represents the total number of strokes a player Playing Handicap
for a specific set of tees on the golf course being played A Course Handicap is the number of strokes a player will receive

Course Handicap
is calculated from the best eight rounds from a player's last 20 scores can be taken and played with on any golf course around the world. It
 Handicap Index

For example, some of the key terms to know about the WHS are:


Here are some of the most important FAQs: the golf club. communications, or by placing hard copies around document to all their members via electronic Golf clubs will have been able to circulate this
 Questions (FAQs) document. This was provided to by England Golf, we created a Frequently Asked Following feedback from golf club representatives and are authorised formats of play.



 Do I enter competitions using my Handicap Index or my Course Handicap? of 114 or higher. There is no maximum Course Handicap. The Course Handicap will likely exceed 54.0 if playing a course with a slope rating ¿も
What is the maximum Course Handicap if the maximum Handicap Index is What is the maximum Course Handicap if the maximum Handicap Index is can be awarded ( $3 \times 18$ holes, $6 \times 9$ holes or a combination of both) before an initial Handicap Index Score cards totalling 54 holes need to be returned to the Handicap Committee I'm new to golf: How do I obtain a Handicap Index?
The WHS launch date has been set as Monday 2nd November 2020. When will current handicaps switch over to the WHS? inclusive and equitable across the world. handicapping systems currently in operation. This will make the game more There is one standard set of rules in golf, so it makes sense to unify the six different Why is the new WHS being introduced?

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The table below should be viewed as a guide to the best points of contact
for any queries you might have：

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