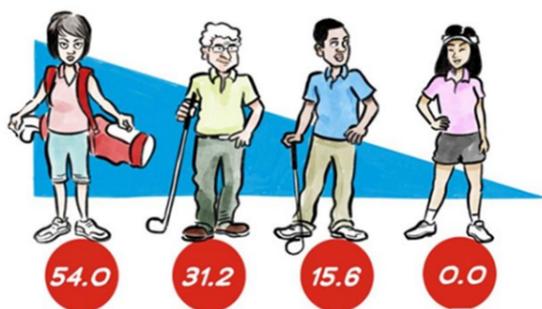


WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

Takes effect in Wales 2nd November 2020

Visit www.walesgolf.org/world-handicap-system for more information



What is the World Handicap System (WHS)?

The R&A and USGA have worked together to bring together the 6 Handicapping authorities that operated across the world to create one handicapping system for the game of Golf.

Where will I be able to find my Handicap Index after transition?

You will be able to find your new Handicap index at your club or via the Wales Golf web portal or app.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Direct any WHS related questions to Wales Golf via handicapping@walesgolf.org

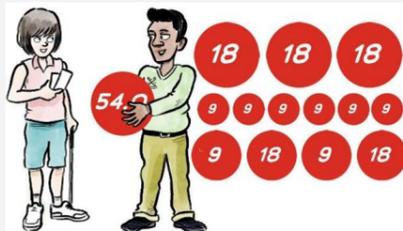
What stays the same under WHS?

USGA Course Rating System. We will continue to use the USGA system to rate your course and our rating schedule will continue as normal.

Supplementary Scores. You can still input supplementary score as and when you want. Your social golf does not always need to go into your record and you must pre-register if you want to submit a score.

Acceptable Formats. There is no change to the acceptable formats of play which can be entered onto your record for handicap purposes. They will still be singles competitions e.g medal, stableford etc.

Initial Handicaps. You will still need to complete 54 holes to be issued a handicap. This can be a mix of 18 or 9 hole scores.



No Match Play Scores. Match play scores are not acceptable for handicapping purposes.

Variable Conditions Adjustment. The new system will feature a PCC (Playing Conditions Adjustment) which is the same idea as our current CSS (Competition Standard Scratch). This will see your score adjusted (for handicap purposes) if conditions are significantly harder or easier than normal.



54.0 Handicaps. The maximum handicap for all players is 54.0.

Member of a Golf Club. You will still need to be a member of an affiliated golf club to hold a handicap index.

Handicap Reviews. Club committees will still be required to run an annual review and ensure all players handicaps are representative of their skill level at all times.

Exceptional Scores. Automatic reductions will apply for scores that are significantly under a players handicap index. This will help juniors and quickly improving players have a more accurate handicap index.

EVERYONES GAME ANYWHERE

Technology

Clubs. Golf clubs will be given membership and handicap management software as part of the WHS migration.

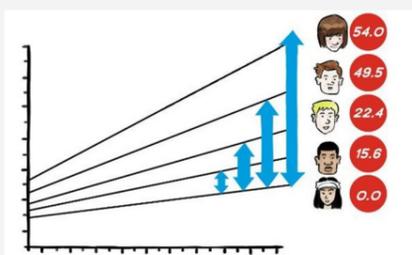


Club Members. All Club members will be given a Wales Golf MyGolf profile and will have free access to the Wales Golf app to allow them to track and manage their handicap index.



What is different under WHS?

Slope Rating. All golf clubs will now need to know their slope ratings and give golfers access to a slope rating chart. This will enable golfers to work out their course handicap before they play.



Averaging System. Your handicap will now be worked out by taking your best 8 of your last 20 scores.

Immediate Handicap Updates. Handicaps will all be updated automatically the evening after you play, ready for the next day.

No Lapsed Handicaps. A golfers handicap will never lapse unless they stop being a member of an affiliated golf club.

Handicap Categories. There will no longer be different handicap categories.

Worldwide Handicap. Your handicap will be equitable and useable anywhere in the world.

Buffer Zones. There will no longer be buffer zones.

Soft and Hard Caps. This will stop significant upward movement of handicaps. The soft cap will slow down significant upward movement, the hard cap will stop in when it gets to a certain level.

Course Handicap. Players will need to work out their course handicap before they play. This will be done via the lookup chart at the club, or via an app.

Yellow			White			Red		
Par	CR	Slope	Par	CR	Slope	Par	CR	Slope
72	73.2	132	72	70.8	125	72	67.8	119
Handicap Index	Course Hcp		Handicap Index	Course Hcp		Handicap Index	Course Hcp	
+6.0 to +5.8	+5		+6.0 to +5.7	+5		+6.0 to +6.0	+11	
+5.7 to +4.9	+5		+5.6 to +4.8	+7		+5.9 to +5.1	+10	
+4.8 to +4.1	+4		+4.7 to +3.9	+6		+5.8 to +4.1	+9	
+4.0 to +3.2	+3		+3.8 to +3.0	+5		+4.9 to +3.2	+8	
+3.1 to +2.4	+2		+2.9 to +2.1	+4		+3.1 to +2.2	+7	
+2.3 to +1.5	+1		+2.0 to +1.2	+3		+2.1 to +1.3	+6	
+1.4 to +0.6	0		+1.1 to +0.3	+2		+1.2 to +0.3	+5	
+0.5 to 0.2	1		+0.2 to 0.6	+1		+0.2 to 0.6	+4	
0.3 to 1.1	2		0.7 to 1.5	0		0.7 to 1.6	+3	
1.2 to 1.9	3		1.6 to 2.4	1		1.7 to 2.5	+2	
2.0 to 2.8	4		2.5 to 3.3	2		2.6 to 3.5	+1	
2.9 to 3.8	5		3.4 to 4.2	3		3.6 to 4.4	0	
3.7 to 4.5	6		4.3 to 5.1	4		4.5 to 5.4	-1	
4.6 to 5.3	7		5.2 to 6.0	5		5.5 to 6.3	-2	
5.4 to 6.2	8		6.1 to 6.9	6		6.4 to 7.2	-3	
6.3 to 7.1	9		7.0 to 7.8	7		7.4 to 8.2	-4	
7.2 to 7.9	10		7.9 to 8.7	8		8.3 to 9.2	-5	
8.0 to 8.8	11		8.8 to 9.6	9		9.3 to 10.1	-6	
8.9 to 9.6	12		9.7 to 10.5	10		10.2 to 11.1	-7	

Handicap Index Access. To ensure your handicap is as up to date and accurate as possible, the only place you will be able to look up your handicap once WHS goes live is via the Wales Golf website, Wales Golf app or within your golf club systems.

