



Section 1

General Questions on WHS

Q: Why is the new World Handicap System being introduced?

A: There is one standard set of rules in golf, so it makes sense to unify the six different handicapping systems currently in operation. This will make the game more inclusive and equitable across the world

Q: Where can I get a copy of the WHS rules?

A: The Rules of Handicapping will be produced in the same format as the current Rules of Golf. Golf clubs will have printed and digital copies available. These will be available in the first half of 2020

Q: How do I find out more about WHS?

A: First point of reference should be our website – www.Englandgolf.com/whs and then via workshops, club resource packs and social media

Q: When will handicap's switch over to WHS?

A: The WHS launch date has been set as Monday, 2nd November 2020

Q: How will WHS prevent handicap manipulation?

A: Event organisers still have responsibilities to manage and administer events which are fair to all competitors. Under WHS, if a player fails to submit a score the handicap committee will investigate and take appropriate action. The committee has the option to apply penalty scores, reset a Handicap Index, consider disciplinary procedures, or withdraw a Handicap Index for an agreed period (following relevant processes and procedures)

Q: What is a Slope Rating?

A: The Slope Rating indicates the difficulty of a golf course for the 'Bogey Golfer' relative to the Scratch Golfer. The Course Rating indicates the number of strokes the Scratch Golfer is expected to take from a set of tees under normal playing conditions. The course is also rated for a 'Bogey Golfer' and it is the relationship between the two ratings which indicates the slope rating

Q: What is the range of the Slope Rating values?

A: Slope Rating values range from 55 through to 155
