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With the **NEW**  
World Handicap System

## How does the World Handicap System work?

In order for the World Handicap System to work, golfers will need to obtain a Handicap Index.

For regular golfers, this will be done by:

- Calculating the best eight scores from the previous 20 rounds

For new golfers, they will have to:

- Submit scorecards of 54 holes (3x 18 holes, 6x 9 holes or any combination of 9 and 18 holes) to their golf club's Handicap Committee

## IMPORTANT

To ensure a player has only one Handicap Index, golfers will nominate a home club.

To find out more on the World Handicap System visit:  
**[englandgolf.org/whs](http://englandgolf.org/whs)**



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## TRANSITION HANDICAPS

In the process of moving from CONGU to WHS handicaps, all current Handicap Records will be reprocessed using the WHS principles. The calculation will identify the best 8 of the last 20 scores posted in Qualifying Competitions or submitted as Supplementary Scores. The average of these 8 scores will form the basis for the new Handicap.

**Only scores since January 2018 will count.**

If a player has submitted less than 20 scores since January 2018, the calculation will be done in a similar manner to the method of allocating new handicaps, as shown below.

- 3 scores:** lowest score -2
- 4 scores:** lowest score -1
- 5 scores:** lowest score
- 6 scores:** average of lowest 2 scores -1
- 7 to 8 scores:** average of lowest 2 scores
- 9 to 11 scores:** average of lowest 3 scores
- 12 to 14 scores:** average of lowest 4 scores
- 15 to 16 scores:** average of lowest 5 scores
- 17 to 18 scores:** average of lowest 6 scores
- 19 scores:** average of lowest 7 scores
- 20 scores:** average of lowest 8 scores

If a player has less than 3 Qualifying Scores posted, the Transition Handicap will be calculated based on the 3 lowest scores being equal to their current playing handicap. So, a player with a 20 handicap will have scores of 20, 20 and 20 on their Scoring Record and their handicap at Transition will be  $(20 - 2) = 18$ . For this reason, there is an incentive to get at least 3, and preferably more, Qualifying Scores in this year.

Players are encouraged to submit as many scores as possible between now and November 2020 so that their Transition Handicap Index is a good reflection of current ability. If you are unsure as to how many Qualifying Scores you have, please ring the Pro Shop or email [pro@wollatonparkgolfclub.com](mailto:pro@wollatonparkgolfclub.com) to ask us to check.

Players will be able to see their expected Transition Handicap and their Low Handicap Index (Anchor Point) on the ClubV1 app when the handicapping software is updated prior to implementation.