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## HANDICAP CAPS

### Low Handicap Index

The Handicap Index is completely refreshed every 20 scores, the system is very responsive to changes in form. A golfer submitting scores 3 times a week will completely refresh their scoring record in 2 months. Because of this the system needs a memory of previous ability over a reasonable time frame that can be used to anchor any large increases.

## SOFT & HARD CAPS

### SOFT CAP

A Soft Cap is triggered when the difference between a player's newly calculated Handicap Index and their Low Handicap Index is greater than 3 strokes.

When a calculated Handicap Index increase is greater than 3 strokes, the value above 3 strokes is restricted to 50% of the increase, e.g.

- an increase of 4 is limited to 3.5
- an increase of 5 is limited to 4
- an increase of 6 is limited to 4.5
- an increase of 7 is limited to 5

### HARD CAP

A Hard Cap triggers to restrict the amount by which a player's Handicap Index can increase, after application of the soft cap, to no more than 5 strokes above their Low Handicap Index.

Restricting the extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index will ensure that a player's temporary loss of form does not cause the Handicap Index to move too far away from their actual ability.



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## EXCEPTIONAL SCORES

If a player returns a Score Differential of more than 7 below their Handicap Index, an adjustment of -1 is made to last 20 Score Differentials, which reduces the Handicap Index by 1 stroke.

If a player returns a Score Differential of more than 10 below their Handicap Index, an Exceptional Scoring adjustment of -2 is made to last 20 Score Differentials. This reduces the Handicap Index by 2 strokes

The above adjustment is in addition to any reduction caused within the 8/20 calculation. As more scores are posted the adjustments drop out of the last 20 scores and their influence washes out over the next 20 scores.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

All previous attachments sent can be found on the Wollaton Park Golf Club website.

If you have any queries regarding the World Handicap System please contact the pro shop or email [pro@wollatonparkgolfclub.com](mailto:pro@wollatonparkgolfclub.com)

Please visit the sites below if you would like some more detailed information

<https://www.randa.org/WorldHandicapSystem>

<https://www.Englandgolf.org/article/world-handicap-system-whs/>