

World Handicap System (WHS) Highlights

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- On Jan 1, 2020 the World Handicap System (most like current USGA system) goes into effect.
- 6 major handicapping systems around the world united so have a portable worldwide handicap for all golfers.
- Implements worldwide course rating which will be USGA course rating system.
- **On Jan 6, 2020 all WDCGA members will be issued a WHS Hdcp Index (HI)** which may be different from current USGA HI
- VSGA continues to use GHIN
- MSGA continues to use GolfNet
- Past scoring record transfers to WHS but past HI History no longer available after December 31, 2019

Major WHS Changes

- **No longer do HI Updates on 1st & 15th** as **HI revised daily** – other choices for competition's HI date
- **HI Calculation Formula** changes (based on best 8 vice 10 of most recent 20 differentials and no longer reduced by 96%)
- **Course Hdcp** (previously dependent only on slope now is determined with slope plus course rating and par)
- **Minimum # of holes to post 18-hole score** (increases from 13 to 14)
- **Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC)** determines whether playing conditions on the day of play differed from normal conditions to the extent that an adjustment is needed to compensate
- **Score Differential calculation** formula changes (added PCC adjustment and lose 96% reduction)

WHS Safeguards

- Stabilize HI
- Limit/prevent handicap manipulation
- Account for abnormal course or weather conditions to ensure that scores reflect when a course plays significantly different than its established Course Rating and Slope rating
- Limit extreme upward movement of a HI
- Automatically and immediately reduce a HI when an exceptional score [no longer just tournament scores] of at least 7 strokes better is posted

WDCGA Member Actions for WHS

- Ensure your GHIN and GolfNet Mobile Apps are updated in January 2020
- Designate a Home Club (one Hdcp Index for each golfer across all clubs where a member belongs)
- **Critical to post on day of play before midnight** so accurate daily PCC can be determined as it affects the score differential and thus the daily revised HI
- Learn about WHS (access USGA, MSGA, VSGA, and/or WDCGA websites)