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The new World Handicap System (WHS) is designed to:

- Attract more players to the game
- Make handicapping easier to understand
- Give all golfers a Handicap Index that can be transferable from club to club

Developed by The R&A and USGA in collaboration with existing handicap authorities, the benefit of the WHS over the current system is it combines the Rules of Handicapping and the Course Rating System.

The key timings to be aware of in the build up to the new system going live are as follows:

- **14th July 2020:** WHS Toolkit 1.0 from England Golf is made available to all golf clubs in England
- **15th July 2020:** England Golf launches 'Know the Score' WHS campaign
- **2nd November 2020:** WHS adopted at all golf clubs across England



IMPORTANT

WHS comes into play on 2nd November 2020 in Great Britain and Ireland and will replace the current CONGU handicapping system. It will be part of a system used by over 15 million golfers in 80 countries worldwide.