

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

THE SHORT VERSION ... THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- WHS goes Into Effect January 2020
 - Score posting will be unavailable January 1 – 5, so save your scores for that period and post as soon as the system is back on line.
 - New NCGA app update will be available starting January 5th. You will need to update your app in order to post scores on your phone or tablet.
- Handicap Indexes will be calculated by averaging the lowest 8 differentials (formerly lowest 10) of the player's most recent 20 scores. Once we go back online with the WHS, ***your Handicap Index may change ...*** but in most cases, it will change less than one stroke.
- Maximum Score for Handicap Posting Purposes – Net Double Bogey!
- Your Handicap Index will be updated every day ... **POST YOUR SCORES ON THE DAY THAT YOU PLAY!**
- Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) will adjust Scores on a particular day when conditions are significantly difficult (or easy) compared to normal conditions. A statistical procedure evaluates all scores submitted each day and compares them to the expected scores of those players. The PCC is calculated automatically, so no additional work for players or club administrators. Adjustments will range between -1.0 (when the golf course is playing easier) and +3.0 (when conditions are more challenging) and will be applied within the Score Differential calculation.
- Players may not post scores when playing alone. Exception: You may post your score when accompanied by a caddie.
- Rounds played using multiple balls such as a practice round are not acceptable for posting.
- Exceptional Score Reduction / The “Caps”
These are systems that will be put in place to deal with exceptional scores (not just exceptional Tournament Scores) and also to limit the extreme upward movement of a player's Handicap Index within a 12-month period.
- Maximum Handicap Index will be 54.0.
Mayacama Tournaments will continue to limit Course Handicaps to a maximum of 36 Strokes for women and 24 strokes for Men for all Club Competitions.
- Minimum number of scores required to establish a Handicap Index will be 54 Holes, made up of any combination of 9 and 18-hole rounds.

- **Playing From Different Tees / Course Handicaps**

A Course Handicap will be the number of strokes that you receive to play down to the par of the tees that you are playing. Beginning in 2020, Course Handicap values will change more from tee to tee. There will be a “Look-Up Chart” available to determine your Course Handicap for the set of tees that you are playing. If you want a sneak peak, here’s the new WHS formula for computing a Course Handicap:

$$\text{Course Handicap} = (\text{Handicap Index} \times \text{Slope Rating} / 113) + (\text{Course Rating} - \text{Par})$$

Here’s an example of how a Course Handicap of a male player with a 15.0 Handicap Index will change when playing from the Back/ Plates/Middle and “Commish” Tees at Mayacama Golf Club in 2020:

COURSE INFO			
Tee	Course Rating	Slope Rating	Par
Back	73.9	152	72
Plates	71.7	141	72
Middle	71.5	138	72
Commish	68.5	128	72

IMPACT OF 15.0 HANDICAP		
2019 Course Hdcp	2020 Course Hdcp	Target Score
20	22	92
19	18	90
18	18	90
17	13	85

- **A Forthcoming Change to the Mayacama Stroke Index**
 2020 brings a new method for calculating and assigning the Stroke Index Table for our scorecard. Holes will be re-ranked based on their raw difficulty versus par, with the top-rated holes spread throughout each nine. We will be comparing our own actual course scoring data to the NCGA Course Rating data to determine our new Stroke Index Table. Our effective target date to launch the new Stroke Index Table is Saturday 14 March ... just in time for the St. Patrick’s Day Four-Ball.

For additional information on the World Handicap System, please refer to the following links:

<https://www.whs.com/>

<https://ncga.org/world-handicap-system/>

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/handicapping.html>

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