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World Handicapping System (WHS) – What you need to know.

- WHS to be introduced in New Zealand on Monday 2nd March, 2020
 - All handicap indices will at that time be re-calculated using the new WHS formula
 - All historic scores at this time will not include the new playing conditions calculation (PCC)
- Change in Handicap Index formula calculation
 - The best 8 of your most recent 20 scores will be used
 - There is a new method of reduction for exceptional scores which stays part of your calculation for the next 20 scores to be entered
 - There is a limit on the outward movement of a Handicap Index, with the maximum change an increase of 5.0 over a rolling 12 months. A soft cap will trigger once the outward movement reaches 3.0.
 - The new formula will review scoring records and from 2nd March a WHS Handicap Index will be active for all members
 - The maximum Handicap Index for both genders will be 54.0
 - When establishing a new handicap index, a player will need to complete 54 holes.
- There is a recommendation for score cards to be entered daily
 - The new Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) is a daily analysis of scores and may move a course rating up or down based on scores that would normally be expected and, if applicable, is applied in calculating the scoring differentials of all players
 - Handicaps are updated daily
- 9-hole scores will be scaled up to an 18-hole score for handicap purposes
 - All 9 holes must be played
- A new Course Handicap formula will be introduced making the game more inclusive and resulting in 36 stableford points representing golf that means you've played to your handicap
 - $\text{Course Handicap} = \text{Handicap Index} \times (\text{Slope Number} / 113) + (\text{Course Rating} - \text{Par})$
Example: $23.1 \times 123 / 113 + 69.6 - 72 = \text{Course Handicap } 23$ (2019 course handicap was 25)
 - New course handicap conversion charts will be available for download
- Your Handicap Index will be equitable anywhere in the world