



Introduction to Handicap Index Part 2

BRING YOUR 8 GAME

How can WHS safeguard a Handicap Index?

With **Handicap Index** being calculated by working out the average of the best 8 from the last 20 scores, you may be wondering if this means changes in **Handicap Index** could be volatile. WHS will limit changes to a player's Handicap Index within a 365 day period by implementation of a **Soft Cap** and a **Hard Cap**.

What does this mean?

The Soft Cap will suppress movement by 50% after a 3-stroke increase over a player's Low Handicap Index (defined as the lowest Handicap Index in last 12 months).

The Hard Cap will restrict upward movement to 5 strokes over the Low Handicap Index ensuring a temporary loss of form does not result in a player's Handicap Index moving too far from previously demonstrated ability.

More information at www.Englandgolf.org/whs

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