

How to use your Handicap Index[®] under the World Handicap System[™]

Handicap Index

The single measurement of golfing ability used worldwide.

Course Handicap[™]

The number used to adjust hole scores for handicap purposes.

Playing Handicap[™]

The number used to PLAY!

It's typically the same as your Course Handicap but may be adjusted based on the terms of the competition or format of play.

Changes under the World Handicap System

(compared to previous USGA Handicap System)

Your Course Handicap (CH) represents the number of strokes needed to play to par.

How does this change affect you?

If the Course Rating is **HIGHER** than par, your Course Handicap goes up:

Course Rating	Par	Impact on CH
72.0	70	2 strokes higher

If the Course Rating is **LOWER** than par, your Course Handicap goes down:

Course Rating	Par	Impact on CH
68.0	70	2 strokes lower

Set your Target!

$$\text{Target Score} = \text{Course Handicap} + \text{par}$$

Your Target Score is the score needed to play to your handicap.



For more information or to learn more about the WHS, visit usga.org/whs

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

