

Key Principles of World Handicap System

1. Enable as many golfers as possible to obtain and maintain a handicap.
2. Enable golfers of differing ability, gender and nationally to transport their handicap to any golf course around the world and compete on a fair and equal basis (achieve overall equitableness in the system).
3. Indicate with sufficient accuracy the score a golfer is reasonably capable of achieving on any course around the world, playing under average conditions.
4. To implement a system of monitoring and review of handicaps based on sufficient evidence of a player's game, which seeks to protect the interests of all golfers.
5. Emphasizes the importance of playing in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
6. Where practicable, reflect variations in playing conditions.
7. Incorporate an element of flexibility or choice to reflect different golfing cultures around the world, while adopting wherever possible a system of uniform components.
8. Be easy to understand and apply by golf clubs and golfing public and as economic as reasonably possible to install and operate.
9. Must have the confidence of the golfing public.
10. Undergo a regular, coordinated review process by the leading authorities.