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Golf Professional or Handicap Committee Chair,

The United States Golf Association and the R&A, along with 5 other world golf associations, have announced the creation of a new World Handicapping System (WHS). After significant engagement and collaboration with the existing handicapping authorities and other National Associations, it has been agreed that the time is right to bring the different handicapping systems together in support of the global game. The World Handicapping System is scheduled to go live in January, 2020.

In addition to a new set of Handicapping rules, USGA GHIN will be releasing all new GHIN software at the same time WHS goes live. This means there will be a new-look Posting Station, a new-look smartphone Mobile App, and a brand new online Desktop Dashboard available for posting scores. In addition, club professional staff and handicap committee members will have access to a brand new GHIN Admin program. The new GHIN software not only is designed to comply with WHS, it has also been developed using modern programming techniques and state-of-the-art database tools.

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM



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The Carolinas Golf Association is charged with the responsibility to introduce the World Handicapping System to North and South Carolina clubs and golfers. We also need to train clubs in the use of the new GHIN software. To accomplish this goal, we will be conducting a series of regional seminars beginning in late October and continuing through mid-December. **All member clubs and clubs affiliated with the CGA for handicap administration purposes are required to attend an education seminar and complete a quiz demonstrating knowledge of the new Rules of Handicapping prior to the launch of WHS.**

We are asking all clubs to send 1-3 representatives to one of these seminars in order to receive the information they need to learn and implement World Handicapping rules and use the new software. It is strongly recommended that one of the attendees be a member of your Handicap Committee.

The seminars consist of four 1-hour sessions running from 9:00am until 1:00pm. We will cover all of the major changes to handicapping along with explanations, examples, videos and Q&A periods. One of the sessions will be devoted to the new GHIN software with demonstrations and training on how to use the new tools. For PGA professional staff we have secured permission from the PGA Carolinas Section to offer 4 Required Education MSR credits for their attendance and successful completion of the seminar certification test.

You must pre-register all of the participants for each seminar. **These seminars are for professional staff and handicap committee chairpersons (or their designate) only.** Club members are not invited to attend. Club members will be trained by their own club staff once the staff have completed the CGA training.

For a complete schedule of the seminar dates, times and locations, please register here: [Fall Seminar Series](#)

Each club may sign up 1 to 3 participants for each seminar. If you wish for more staff people to attend, please start a new registration. This second group of staff members will be moved to the waitlist. Based on available space and time constraints we will let waitlist registrants know if they are confirmed 3 days prior to the seminar.

Note: For our western NC clubs that are out of season during these training seminars, you may attend any of the seminars in our Fall Series. However, we will be conducting special regional seminars for you and your handicap committees in May of 2020 prior to the start of your 2020 seasons.



The World Handicapping System represents a major change in how handicapping will be conducted in the future. We are excited about the new system and anxious to get started with its implementation. For handicap committees that may have been struggling to control and administer their programs, this will be an excellent time to reboot their efforts and establish improved handicap administration, handicap reviews and communication with their members.

If you have any questions at all, please contact either one of us at the contact information below:

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