WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

Capping Excessive Increases in Handicap Index

The **Handicap Index** should always reflect your **demonstrated ability.**

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But even the **best players** can have **a series of bad scores,** which don't truly reflect their **underlying ability.**

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+3

Soft Cap

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Automatic caps

To combat this, there are **automatic caps** in the handicap formula,

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Hard Cap

Ensuring your **Handicap Index** won't rise **too quickly** due to a **short run of poor form.**

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Your **lowest Handicap Index** within the **12 months** prior to your last score acts as a baseline.

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When your new **Handicap Index** calculates at more than **three strokes** higher than your Low **Handicap Index,**

a **soft cap** applies and **reduces** the value of any increase **over 3.0 by 50%**

As a second safeguard, there's a **hard cap**

+5

limiting any upward movement in your Index to a **maximum** of **5 strokes** above your **Low Handicap Index.**

Both caps **apply automatically**, with no need to carry out calculations yourself.

You can **play your round**, confident that whatever happens on the course, your updated **Handicap Index** will continue to **reflect your ability.**

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