



GolfRSA Supporting Regulations for the WHS

The World Handicap System is a single set of Rules of Handicapping and a Course Rating System that ensure that handicaps are calculated in the same way globally.

GolfRSA is the licensed authority to implement and run the World Handicap System in South Africa, and, as the only authority that can issue a Handicap Index, is responsible for ensuring that the system operates effectively and responsively at the local level.

GolfRSA has implemented the flowing score entry procedures in South Africa .

1. Opening a round before play – for all rounds

In terms of the WHS Rules of Handicapping in South Africa, golfers are obliged to ensure a round is opened before play. This can be done on the HNA system either via the club system, the club Handicap terminal or the free HNA mobile App, before playing their round.

Rounds opened after the round has been completed will be flagged on the system and reported to the club's Handicap Committee for further investigation.

2. Entering a score on the HNA System

Upon completion of the round, golfers are requested to enter their score before midnight on the day of play, either on the Club Terminal, the HNA website or on the HNA mobile App.

This will ensure as many scores as possible will be taken into account when calculating the Playing Conditions Calculation, which determines whether there is a need to adjust the calculated score differential due to adverse weather conditions or course set up on the day of play.

3. Penalty for Late Score entry

Failure to enter a score within 24 hours after midnight of the day the round was played will result in a Penalty Score automatically being applied by the system. The Penalty Score will be equal to the player's lowest score differential from their previous 20 scores entered on the system.

Note: Players who are playing the next day and do not enter their score on the day of play will not have a valid Handicap Index the following day and could therefore be excluded from competing in a competition.

The penalty score will be designated on the players scoring record as a "p".



4. Foreign Rounds

All foreign rounds played in an authorised format, as per rule 2.1 in the WHS Rules of Handicapping, on a course with an official WHS Course and Slope Rating, must be entered on the HNA system.

Only Southern African courses are on the HNA system, so the round can be entered either via the HNA mobile App or website while traveling or, on the player's return to the country, via the Club terminal. This is done by selecting Open Round and then Foreign Round and by then entering the name of the course, the Course Rating and the Slope Rating of the tee, from which the round was played. Any Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) applicable for the tee played on the day the round was played should be added to the players Adjusted Gross Score when entering the round on the HNA system.

There is no penalty for a late score entered for a foreign round.

5. Symbols used in Golfers' Scoring Records

The following symbols may appear next to golfers' scores in their scoring records:

- p** = Penalty Differential
- e** = Exceptional Score Adjustment
- S** = Soft Cap
- H** = Hard Cap
- c** = Competition Round
- *** = Registered Round

6. A player's Course Handicap must be used when calculating a Playing Handicap

In South Africa, a Competition Playing Handicap is often calculated by the golfers themselves. To facilitate this, GolfRSA determined that the player's rounded Course Handicap would be used when calculating the Competition Playing Handicap.

Standard Calculation, which uses the Course Handicap, would be used by Golfers and the HNA System when applying a Handicap Allowance percentage to determine the player's Competition Playing Handicap.

"6.2 Playing Handicap Calculation (p67 of Rules of Handicapping)

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Standard Calculation

A Playing Handicap is calculated as follows:

Playing Handicap = Course Handicap x handicap allowance

The calculated Playing Handicap is rounded to the nearest whole number, with .5 rounded upwards.

For the detailed WHS Handicap Manual, please refer to the Rules of Handicapping (Jan 2020) document.

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