

World Handicap System & Etiquette



Effective January 2020, the USGA and the R&A established a uniform set of handicapping rules (World Handicap System or WHS) that now apply to all golfers. Their intent was to make the game of golf more inclusive and fair. In addition, they created one system that all golfers can use to keep their handicap on any golf course they play worldwide.

There are many nuances to this new system that can be found in the resources below:

World Handicap System

<https://www.mgagolf.org/handicapping/world-handicap-system>

Golf Etiquette

Unlike many sports, golf is for the most part played without the supervision of a referee, umpire or coach. The game relies on the individual golfer to show consideration for other players and to abide by the rules. New golfers are often in need of advice about customary behavior and practices to follow on course so that play proceeds safely and without delay. Consult the league etiquette flyer below to help all players get the maximum enjoyment from the game.

League Etiquette

<https://www.womensgolf-li.org/2019-EtiquetteConduct.pdf>

LPGA Amateur Golf Association Long Island Due to social distancing requirements, in-person seminars will not be held this year. Review the above information, the resources at the bottom of this page, and other online information from the USGA and MGA.

Contact the following volunteers if you have questions:

Rules Questions or Issues, contact Maureen Mahoney, *LPGA Amateur Golf Association Long Island Chapter Rules Chair* at rules@lpgaamateurslongisland.com

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