

# USGA Handicap System to World Handicap System – Change Summary

## 7. Frequency of Handicap Index Updates

**USGA Handicap System (pre-2020):** Following the National Revision Schedule, a player's Handicap Index is updated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Rule Change for 2020:** A player's Handicap Index will update daily, provided that the player submitted a score the day before. On days where the player does not submit a score, no update will take place.

### **Reasons for Change:**

- To provide players with a more responsive and up-to-date Handicap Index.
  - Under the current system, a newly submitted score may have to wait up to two weeks before it's factored into the player's Handicap Index calculation.
- To streamline the process of establishing a Handicap Index.
  - After a player submits their third acceptable 18-hole score (made up of any combination of 9-hole and 18-hole rounds), they will be issued a Handicap Index the next day.
- To encourage players to submit scores as soon as practicable, preferably before midnight on the day of play.
  - Since the Playing Conditions Calculation will use scores submitted at a course each day, it is crucial that scores are posted on the same day of play.