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## World Handicap Announcement

The R&A and the USGA have recently announced details of the new World Handicap System (WHS).

It is designed to welcome more players, to make golf easier to understand and to provide all golfers with a handicap which is portable all around the globe.

Research was conducted in 15 countries, involving 52,000 people. Of these, 76% were in support of WHS, 22% percent were willing to consider its benefits and only 2% were opposed. This was followed by focus groups when more than 300 golf administrators and golfers offered extensive feedback on features of the proposed new system.

This feedback has helped shape the WHS, which has been developed by The R&A and the USGA with support from each handicapping authority, as well as the Japan Golf Association and Golf Canada.

The system is expected to be launched in January 2020. Read more on the features it will include by clicking the link below.

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