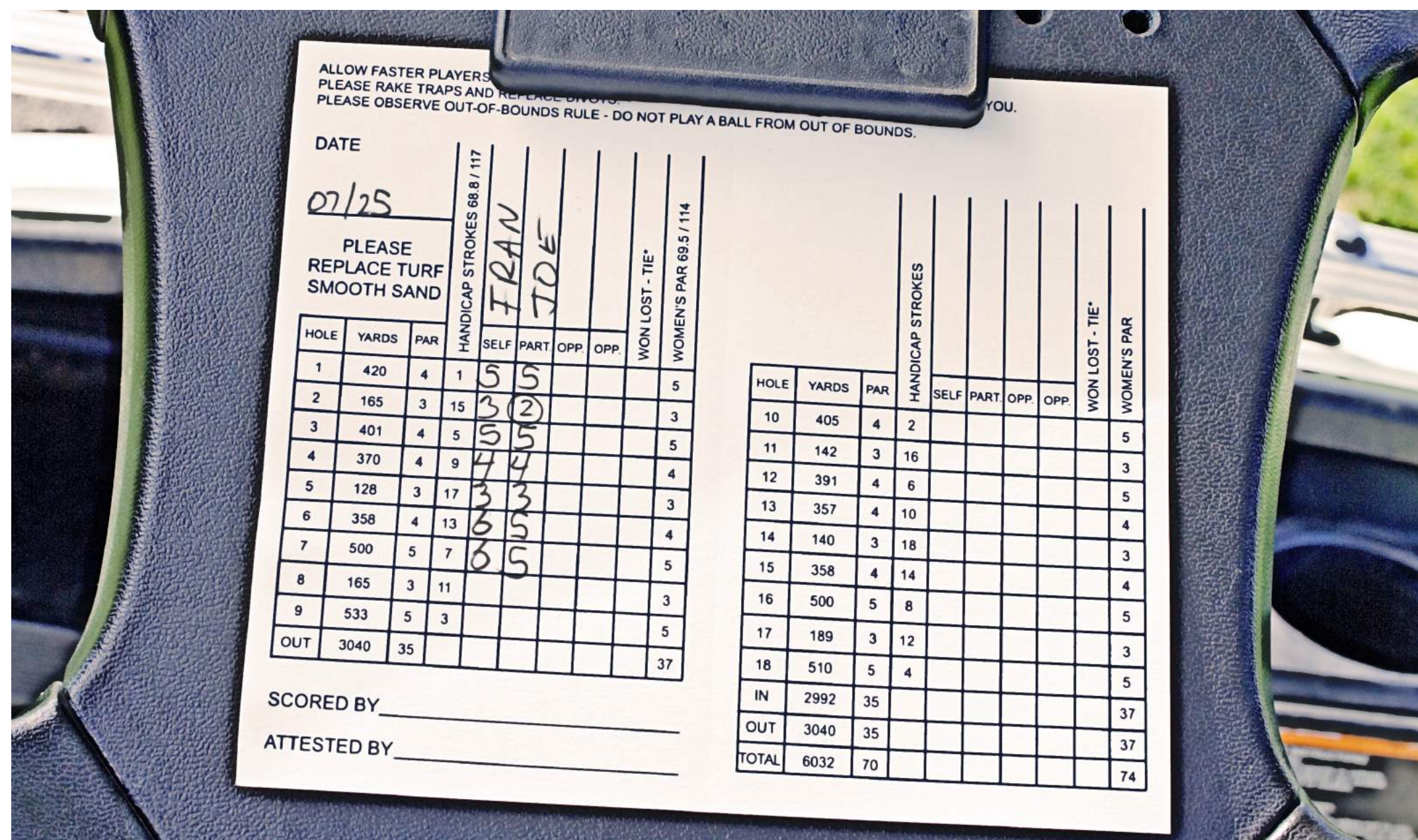


5 Things to Know About the World Handicap System™

In January 2020, the new Rules of Handicapping were introduced in the United States.

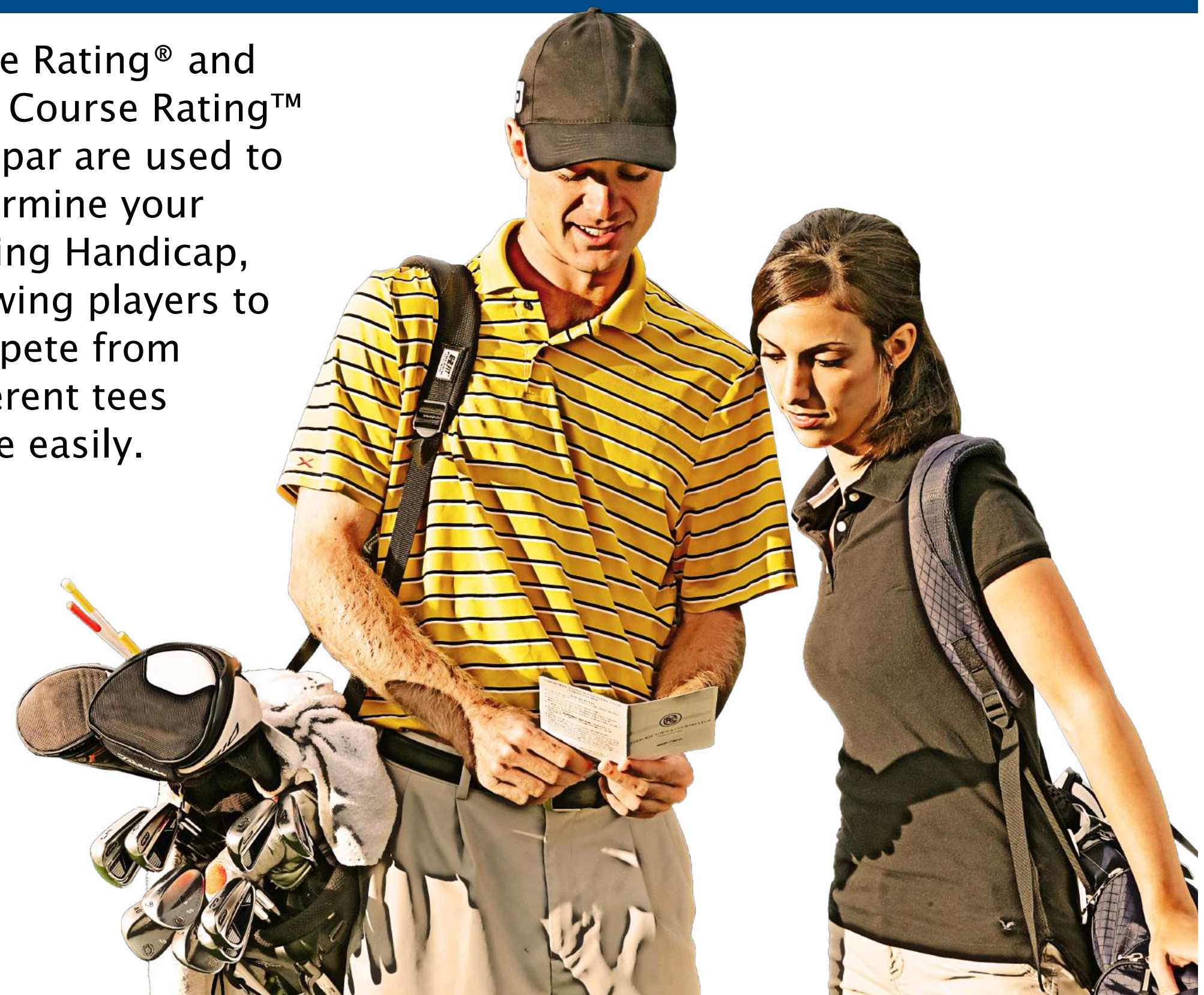
The Handicap Index® calculation has changed

Your number is now based off your 8 best scores out of the past 20. For most U.S. golfers, the change was minor, but you may have seen that your Handicap Index was different in early 2020 despite not having played!



You will now have a Playing Handicap™

Slope Rating® and now Course Rating™ and par are used to determine your Playing Handicap, allowing players to compete from different tees more easily.



Net Double Bogey has replaced ESC

The maximum hole score for handicap purposes is limited to net double bogey (par + 2 + any handicap strokes you receive.)



You will receive responsive Handicap Index updates



Your Handicap Index updates the day after you post a score.

On days you don't post a score, no update will take place.

Safeguards have been added to protect your Handicap Index



The system accounts for abnormal playing conditions, limits extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index, and reduces a Handicap Index when an exceptional score is posted.

For more information on the World Handicap System, please visit usga.org/whs