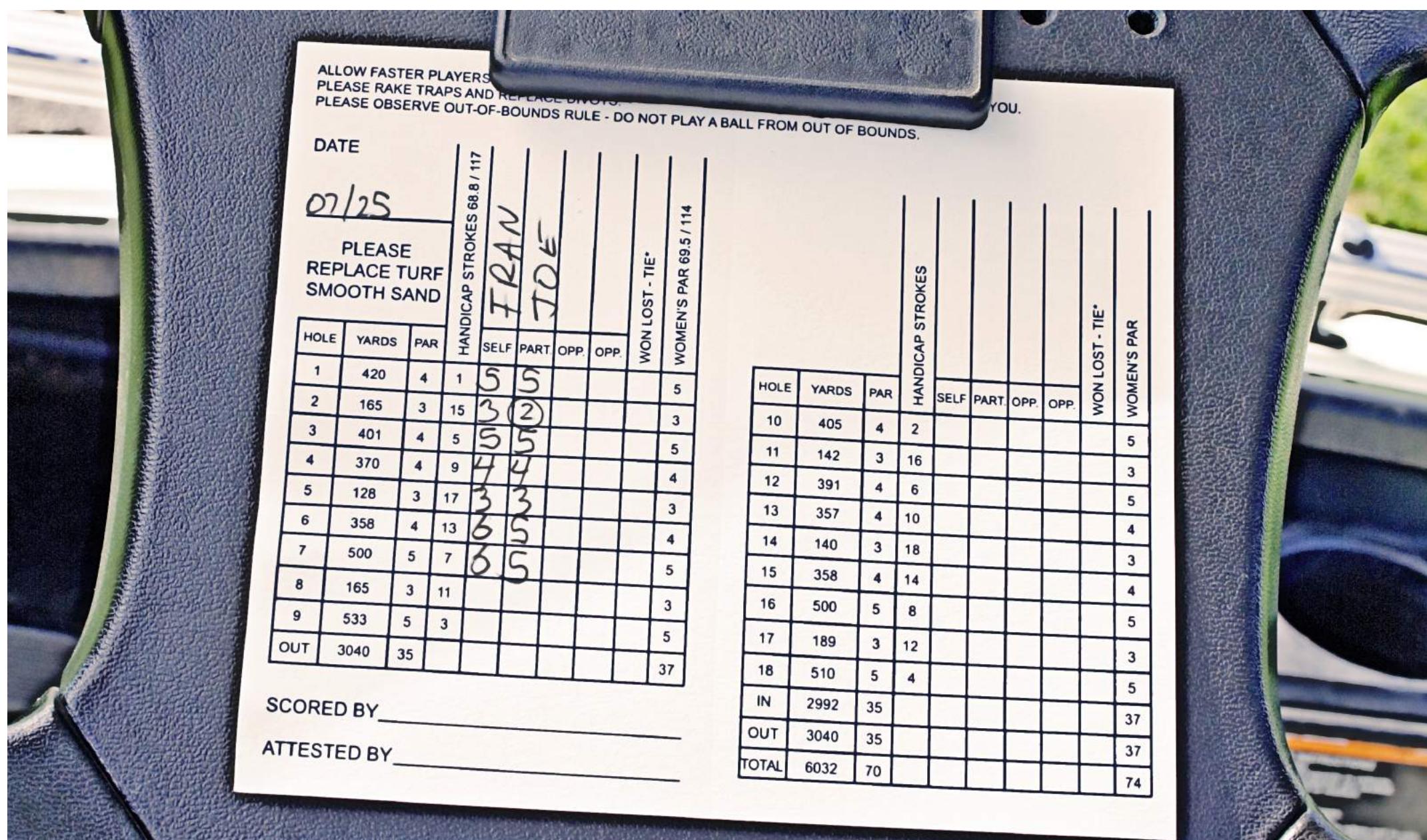


# 5 Things to Know About the World Handicap System

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 is minor, but you may see that your Handicap Index is different in the new year, despite not having played!



## 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.)



## 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.

## You will 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.



## You will have more responsive Handicap Index updates



Your Handicap Index will update the day after you post a score.

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

For more information on the World Handicap System, please visit [usga.org/whs](http://usga.org/whs)