

VPAR Handicap – FAQ's

What is a VPAR Handicap and How is it Calculated?

The VPAR Handicap is designed to represent your playing ability, it is calculated by averaging the best 8 of your last 20 qualifying rounds. This will enable holders of a VPAR Handicap to compete on a level playing field with any other golfer around the world.

If you do not have 20 rounds of data then the calculation will be as per the table below.

If you are a premium member you will also get your Premium Handicap Report after each qualifying round which outlines in more detail which rounds are counting towards the calculation.

| Number of Qualifying Rounds | Calculation |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3 | Best round, minus 2 |
| 4 | Best round, minus 1 |
| 5 | Best Round |
| 6 | Average of best 2 rounds, minus 1 |
| 7 or 8 | Average of best 2 rounds |
| 9 or 11 | Average of best 3 rounds |
| 12 or 14 | Average of best 4 rounds |
| 15 or 16 | Average of best 5 rounds |
| 17 or 18 | Average of best 6 rounds |
| 19 | Average of best 7 rounds |
| 20 | Average of best 8 rounds |

How do I get a VPAR Handicap?

All VPAR users will be given a VPAR Handicap once they have played 3 rounds of a qualifying format (Stableford or Strokeplay) made up of 18 holes. The VPAR technology will then maintain that handicap whenever a score is posted and the 'Submit for Handicap' toggle is set to 'on' in the game set up.

Is my VPAR Handicap adjusted the same day as a qualifying round?

All VPAR Handicap calculations will be submitted instantly on completion of your round, you will be able to view any adjustments to your VPAR Handicap instantly.

How to submit a round for Handicap?

Make sure handicap toggle in game setup is turned on. For your VPAR handicap to update you need to make sure you have fully completed the end round flow. Once you have scored all 18 holes hit '**Review Scores**', you will then be taken to a round overview page where you must hit '**Save**' for your round and handicap to be submitted.

Handicap hasn't updated?

Only Stableford and Strokeplay rounds can count towards your VPAR handicap. You also need to be playing a course that had a difficulty rating. If the course you are playing doesn't not have a difficulty rating you will be alerted when selecting your venue and the handicap toggle is turned on.

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Do all Rounds Count?

You can choose when you submit a round for handicap purposes. If the round you are playing is a qualifying format (stableford or strokeplay) and the 'Submit for Handicap' toggle is set to 'on' then it will count towards your VPAR Handicap.

What is the new maximum hole score for handicap purposes?

Just like before the maximum hole score for handicap purposes is net double bogey.

Do I have to play 18 holes for a score to contribute to my VPAR Handicap?

Currently you can only submit 18 holes for handicap purposes.

Does the calculation take into account playing conditions?

No, the playing conditions from day to day will not be taken into account.

Will my game handicap update automatically dependant on the course I am playing?

Yes. If you are using your VPAR handicap (meaning your preferred handicap in settings is set to 'VPAR') it will adjust automatically based on the course difficulty.

If you are using your profile handicap (meaning your preferred handicap in settings is set to 'profile') it will **not** be adjusted automatically, although we will release this feature soon.

You can manually adjust your profile handicap when creating a game in app, just click on the pencil icon next to your handicap in the 'edit tee times' screen during the game create process.

You can adjust your 'preferred handicap' in setting by clicking on the profile tab, then the settings cog.

Will my VPAR handicap mean I can play on a level playing field with club golfers?

Yes. You can now play on a level playing field with a club golfer. Whilst our handicap calculation is unique, the resulting handicap, once you have submitted at least 3 scores, will be comparable to a club golfer and you can play against them on a fair basis.

Is the VPAR Handicap free?

Yes, everyone will receive a free VPAR handicap after scoring 3 qualifying rounds. If you would like to see more details on which rounds are counting towards your handicap and receive a VPAR Handicap report after each qualifying round you will need to subscribe to VPAR Premium.

You can subscribe to VPAR Premium in app via the profile page.

How do I get a VPAR Handicap certificate?

As part of the VPAR Premium membership you will have access to a downloadable digital handicap certificate to verify your exact and playing handicap, along with a time and date stamp.



Although we are not an official provider, this certification will serve as proof that you can play to a certain golfing standard and enable you to play on a level playing field with club golfers around the world.

Is the VPAR Handicap associated with the New WHS system?

No, the VPAR Handicap has no association with the new WHS system.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact support on support@vpar.com