



## VPAR Handicap FAQ

### What is a VPAR handicap?

The VPAR handicap is a free golf handicap tracking system that allows you to calculate and maintain an accurate handicap to use on course, removing the guesswork.

### How is the VPAR handicap calculated?

Your VPAR handicap is calculated after three (3) rounds.

The first and second rounds submitted for handicapping will not appear in your handicap analysis as they simply help in the first calculation. We always exclude your worst round, because nobody is perfect, then run our calculation to provide you with an accurate handicap based on your recent scores.

After 10 rounds we then use a SMART moving average across your last 10 scores, to ensure your handicap reflects your form.

Adjustments to your handicap are made after each round. The maximum increase/decrease is based on your handicap category.

Much like other golf handicaps this should be a figure you play to in approximately 10-20% of your rounds.

### How to get started?

Your VPAR handicap will start calculating once you have played and submitted 3 rounds with VPAR. When creating a round you will need to set 'Submit Handicap' on. As you continue to play your handicap will adjust based on your performance.

If you are already an existing VPAR user rounds will begin to count from launch in October 2018 - once 'Submit Handicap' is set when creating a round in-app. Unfortunately, previous rounds will not count.

## **Do all rounds count?**

Not all rounds are taken into account for the VPAR handicap calculation.

Here are the requirements for a round to count:

- 1) Must be a completed 18 hole round.
- 2) Must be a Strokeplay or Stableford format.
- 3) Must be a single ball format (no shared-ball formats).
- 4) Must be played at a later date than your last handicap round.
- 5) Any 18 hole course can be played.
- 6) Must be created through the VPAR app and not VPAR.com.

## **Is the VPAR handicap free?**

Yes, everyone will receive a free VPAR handicap after scoring 3 rounds. This is available for UK based golfers only.

Club VPAR members have access to a full breakdown of their handicap, as well as a handicap certificate that can be shared.

## **What is Club VPAR?**

Club VPAR is our digital membership for the modern golfer. It allows you to play golf for less with discounted green fees, perks and freebies, priority events, handicap breakdown and discounted lessons from PGA professionals.

We have three membership levels (Rookie, Club Pro & Tour Master) which vary in perks and price.

Check out the Club VPAR section in your Profile to join today.

## **What is VPAR handicap breakdown?**

Having purchased a Club VPAR membership you'll be able to access an in-depth handicap breakdown of all of your rounds tracking how you have performed.

You'll be able to analyse performance trends in your golf, across your last 10 rounds and on an annual timeline. Learn more about your game and start shaving shots off your next round.

## **What is a VPAR handicap Certificate?**

As part of your membership VPAR will provide for you a digital handicap certificate to verify your exact and playing handicap, along with a time and date stamp. You'll be able to download this and use it at many of our partner clubs.

Although we are not an official provider, this certification will serve as proof that you can play to certain golf standards.

## **Is my VPAR handicap certificate valid everywhere?**

As we seek to introduce this certificate to the golf community, we are working hard to establish relationships and recognition across many golf courses in the UK.

However, we understand that certain clubs have specific rules and it's at their discretion whether they accept a digital handicap certificate. Our goal is to get golf clubs to recognise this as a valid and accurate proof of playing ability and therefore it can be used in open club competitions or other organised tournaments.

We will aim help out as much as possible to validate your handicap so contact us if you need support or assistance.

Got some feedback?

We constantly love hearing about your golf and how you are improving. If you have any queries, suggestions or thoughts around our VPAR handicap contact us below and we'd love to have a chat.

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