

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION on the Handicapping System!

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*The WHS World Handicapping System has instituted some further changes to the handicapping system..*

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Here is some of the information on the handicapping system:

**ACTUAL SCORE POSTING HAS NOT CHANGED (other than posting HOLE BY HOLE).**

Players may post scores online using a computer by going to the Golf Canada website [www.golfcanada.ca](http://www.golfcanada.ca), and logging in OR by using the Golf Canada app on a smart phone. New members if they provided the club with an email address, can use that email address to log in, the default password will be the last name of the member, which may be changed by the member upon logging in.

**1. Players must post their scores HOLE by HOLE.**

The Golf Canada Score Centre will automatically adjust each hole score so you don't have to know how to do it! Just input your actual score on each hole and those needing adjusting will be adjusted!

*For NEW players who don't yet have a handicap index, MAXIMUM hole score is par plus 5 strokes.*

**2. To submit a NINE hole score a player must now play ALL 9 holes.**

In the past two nine hole scores were automatically combined and an 18 hole handicap differential calculated.

**NEW – when players post only a nine hole score, a differential will be calculated for that score, as well as an EXPECTED differential for a second nine holes (even though the player did not play the second nine holes) and an 18 hole differential will appear in the Score Centre.**

**3. In the past to submit an EIGHTEEN hole score, you had to play at least 14 holes**

**NEW - Players will be able to put in any number of holes from 10 to 17 and receive an 18 hole handicap differential.**

**When you do not play 18 holes (play 10 to 17) put a ZERO in for your score on the holes not played. When a hole is started but NOT completed, record the "MOST LIKELY" score or NET DOUBLE BOGEY whichever is lower.**

The **MOST LIKELY** score is:

- The number of strokes already taken to reach a position on a hole, plus
- The number of strokes the player would most like require to complete that hole from that position, plus
- Any penalty strokes incurred during the play of the hole.

Position of Ball	Strokes to be added
If the ball is on putting green, no more than 5 feet from hole	Add one additional stroke
If ball lies between 5 feet and 20 yards from hole	Add 2 or 3 additional strokes, depending on position of ball, difficulty of green and ability of player
If ball lies more than 20 yards from hole	Add 3 or 4 additional strokes, depending on position of ball, difficulty of green and ability of player

4. **Players are asked to post their HOLE BY HOLE scores IMMEDIATELY on the DAY the round was played.** The reason for this is the Playing Conditions Calculation that is built into the Score Centre (see next point).

**PLAYING CONDITIONS CALCULATION (PCC)** This is a calculation that will be determine if conditions day to day differ from normal playing conditions that impacts player performance based on course conditions, weather conditions and course setup. If PCC shows players have performed significantly better or worse than expected, it will adjust score differentials accordingly. This will be done by the Score Centre automatically at midnight each day.

5. **HANDICAP INDEX** – will be calculated by the Score Centre.

**NEW Players or players without a Handicap Index need to play and post only 54 holes (any combination of 9 or 18 hole rounds) to receive a handicap index.** *For NEW players who don't yet have a handicap index, MAXIMUM hole score is par plus 5 strokes.*

The Handicap Index will be determined by taking the average of the best 8 of most recent 20 scores (10 were used previously). Maximum handicap index will be 54.0 regardless of gender (previously it was 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women).

6. **EXCEPTIONAL SCORE** – When a player submits a score that produces a score differential of 7 strokes or more below their handicap index, they will be subject to an Exceptional Score Reduction. This can be in tournament or just regular play.

7. Your **COURSE HANDICAP** will be the number of strokes needed to play in relation to PAR. (previously it was in relation to the Course Rating of the tees being played). This will result in a greater variance in the course handicap per tee blocks being played.

**Course Handicap = Handicap Index x (Slope Rating/113)+(Course Rating – Par) .**

Course Handicap values will change more from tee to tee.

8. Your **PLAYING HANDICAP (for any event) = Course Handicap x Handicap Allowance**

The playing handicap will be used for NET competition purposes.

9. Your Handicap Index can be withdrawn is a player has deliberately or repeatedly fails to comply with reporting of scores - for example - **SELECTIVELY** reporting scores. A penalty score may be also be applied by the Club Handicap committee.

***It is really IMPORTANT that ALL MEMBERS POST ALL OF THEIR SCORES HOLE BY HOLE into the computer ON THE DAY THAT THEY OCCURED so that their HANDICAP INDEX is accurate, and consequently FAIR for both the PLAYER and his/her OPPONENTS when competing.***

***A REMINDER - If a member would like to participate in Men's Nights, Ladies' Nights, Mixed Nights, Junior events or any tournaments requiring a handicap for the purpose of assigning them to the correct scoring group, or calculating a NET score then IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MEMBER WILL INPUT SCORES EVERY TIME THEY PLAY IN ORDER TO GET AN ACCURATE HANDICAP INDEX!***

NOTE: Persons paying *green fees* or having a *7 for 6 green fee card* – if the person wants to compete for prizes in any Ladies' or Men's Leagues including weekend club events ***a computer membership should be purchased which includes the Golf Canada affiliation fee*** in order to be able to input scores, and obtain a ***valid handicap index.***

***If you have any questions or need help with logging in or inputting scores please contact Karen Saarimaki. 854-8496 cell [ksaari8@sympatico.ca](mailto:ksaari8@sympatico.ca)***