



Handicap Committee Communication

Welcome to 2020 Golf Season at CCC

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This is our first annual message to the CCC Golf Membership for the purpose of helping Members understand and abide by the rules by which we establish proper handicaps in the Club.

For your information, the Handicap Committee (HC) is composed of Golf Members of the Club, who are appointed by the Golf Chairman.

The purpose of the HC is to ensure that each Member's handicap index is maintained fairly, equitably, and in accordance with the Handicap Rules established by the USGA. Judd Noto, CCC Head PGA pro, is a consultant to the committee.

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Committee Guidelines

Peer Review

First and foremost, the **Membership must take an active role** in ensuring **Members** play by the Rules of Golf and that scores are posted timely and in accordance with the Handicap Rules for equitable stroke control. Members are encouraged to review score postings of their fellow Members from time to time, for timeliness and accuracy. To help all Members with this obligation, the HC requests that all playing groups have two or more players keep score for the entire group and that the scores are compared, corrected, and adjusted for handicap purposes prior to recording. Failure to post in a timely manner or to post a correctly adjusted score shall be reported to the Committee for their follow-up.

The HC will be setting up a drop off box to deposit the score cards after you post. HC will randomly review cards to assure that members are understanding the 2020 rules.

Measures to Ensure Handicaps are Fair

Secondly, the HC has the obligation of making certain each player has an index reflecting their potential scoring ability. If the scores are posted correctly and in a timely manner, the computer program will produce fair and equitable results for all Members. However, occasionally a player's handicap may need to be manually adjusted by the Committee.

Examples where handicaps may be **modified (M)** by the Committee to more accurately reflect a player's potential include the following:

1. Players who finish in the top tier of multiple CCC **competitions**. These players may be improving faster than the HC computer calculations or just play better in competitions.
2. Player's indexes sometimes fluctuate significantly from update to update, not reflecting their true potential. To even out these fluctuations and try to ensure fair and equitable play for all CCC major competitions, the Committee may use the lowest handicap index recorded during the previous three month period. The competitions for which this might occur are Club Championships, Invitationals, and Guest Days.

Handicap Rule Changes Coming January 1, 2020

January 2020, a new World Handicap System (WHS) will be instituted by the Allied Golf Association, bringing together and simplifying all six major handicap systems throughout the world. Now for the first time there will be world-wide agreement on the Rules of Golf, the Equipment Rules and the Handicap Rules. This new handicap system can now be found on line at www.usga.org under PLAYING>EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES.

World Handicap System Highlights

There are four major changes coming January 1; Changes to the way scores are posted, changes to the computer calculations, changes to the Course Ratings and changes to encourage play. **The only change a Member will be responsible for is posting scores correctly and on a timely basis.**

Post Scores

Members are required to post all scores played under the Rules of Golf.

1. **Non-postable** scores include practice rounds, rounds with less than seven holes, scrambles, shambles, rounds played alone, or rounds played with non-conforming clubs.
2. Practice rounds are by definition, any rounds **not** played in, when not posted at Pro Shop, accordance with the Rules of Golf, and include such practices redo's, playing two balls, or playing modified rules of golf which have not been issued by the golf shop (Ex. winter rules).

3. When playing less than a full 18 holes of golf, a player may post a 9 hole score when completing at least 7 to 13 holes. Use the handicap stroke allocation to determine what score to record on un-played holes. If you play 14 holes or more, post an 18 hole round by completing the holes not played as described above.
4. Club Competition scores **MUST** be posted by the golf shop.
5. January 1, the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) will be replaced with **Net Double Bogey (NBD)** for all players. For example, the maximum hole score for handicap purposes will be limited to Net Double Bogey (Par + 2 + any handicap stroke(s) you receive).
6. **In addition, all scores will need to be posted immediately after play is completed**, before midnight on the day of play, for inclusion in the daily course adjustment calculation.

Changes to the Computer Calculations

1. Handicaps will be calculated using the **best 8** scores out of the last 20 scores. Previously, it was the best 10 out of 20, times 96%.
2. Handicaps will be posted on a **daily basis**. Previously, handicaps were recalculated on the 1st and 15th of the month.
3. Handicaps will be normalized with the introduction of soft caps and hard caps to limit extreme upward movement of a player's index within a 12 month period. The Hard Cap will not allow a handicap index to rise by more than 5.0 during a 12 month period. Soft Cap will limit the rate of increase when the increase exceeds 3.0. There will be no limit on how fast a handicap can drop.
4. An **Exceptional Score Reduction (ESR)** of one stroke will take place whenever a player submits a score that produces a score differential that is 7.0 strokes or more below their handicap. This reduction will apply to the most recent 20 scores differentials. A score of 10 strokes or greater than their handicap will result in a two stroke reduction. This ESR will automatically stop after 20 new scores have been entered.
5. Tournament scores will no longer be identified as "T" scores. But all competition scores will be identified as "C" scores for review by the Handicap Committee. Reminder: Pro Shop will post all of the Tournament Scores.
6. An abnormal weather condition adjustment will be automatically instituted by the computer system. If daily scores deviate from the norm, and adjustment made by computer system will be made to either lower or raise all scores for the day.

Changes to Encourage Play

1. Fewer scores will be required to obtain a handicap. Previously five 18 holes rounds were required for a handicap. Now only 54 holes in any combination of 9 or 18 hole rounds are needed.
2. Handicap maximum indexes are revised to 54.0 for both men and women. Previously, handicaps were limited to 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women.

What You Can Expect On January 1, 2020

Handicap Index

Your handicap index should look very similar to what you had on December 31. For example if you are a 20.2 handicap index, your index should be about the same on January 1. Slight changes will begin to occur as you enter scores using the new Net Double Bogey rule.

If a player plays in any CCC Tournament or Invitational, they are required to have a GHIN handicap index.

The WHC system is new for everyone! There will be questions as its implemented and we encourage everyone to ask questions to any HC member or with our Head PGA Pro.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation during this turnover period. The CCC Handicap Committee will host one or two seminars during the spring. Also, there are many you-tube on line videos as well.

Happy Holiday's!

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