



## Handicap Policy

All members are encouraged to maintain a current and up to date handicap Index as outlined in the Rules of Handicapping and the World Handicap System.

All members participating in specified club competitions **must** maintain a current and up to date Handicap Index as outlined in the Rules of Handicapping and the World Handicap System.

As outlined in the Rules of Handicapping, and utilizing the Golf Canada Score Centre handicap system, players must enter all acceptable scores played with full observance of the current Rules of Golf. Scores for all rounds played, including 9-hole rounds, and 18-hole rounds are to be entered by midnight of the day of play. Scores for incomplete or interrupted rounds must be entered with calculations applied under the applicable Rules of Handicapping.

### **Peer Review**

Peer Review is a major tenet of the success of the handicap system. Peer Review allows for each golfer's reported scores to be available to their peers, including golfing partners and competitors, event organizers and committees. It is the process by which either a player's score or Handicap Index can be confirmed or challenged.

### **Peer Review By The Rules & Handicap Committee**

The Rules & Handicap Committee will conduct regular peer reviews for members registered to participate in any inter-Club or intra-Club "net" or "flighted" competitions, and any "gross" events where handicap indexes form entry requirements. Additional spot-check reviews may be conducted as needed.

A member who does not meet current score-posting criteria, or whose handicap is found to inaccurate, out of date, or no longer reflective of their demonstrated ability, may be denied entry in specified events and/or may be subject to handicap adjustment as per the Rules of Handicapping.

A member may address review results and may provide additional information should it allow for a more accurate record. To ensure expediency in event eligibility, timeframes and deadlines may be assigned to individual review responses.

### **Peer Review by Players**

It is the responsibility of each player to review opponents' handicaps prior to competition, and to raise any questions regarding handicaps or posted scores at that time. Issues that cannot be satisfactorily resolved between the players themselves shall be referred to the Rules & Handicap Committee for decision. Intra-club matches scheduled between the players themselves shall be deferred until any outstanding issues are resolved.

### **Use of Handicap Indexes and Course Handicaps in Competition**

Players are responsible for ensuring that they use the correct course handicap for the specific tees in use for the competition. Tees for use by male and female players shall be specified as a condition of each competition. All competitors will play from the specified tees. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

### **Penalties**

Members found to have non-valid handicaps or inadequate score-posting histories may be denied entry into specified events.

Members found to be using handicaps that are invalid or not current, in accordance with the requirements of this policy and the Rules of Handicapping, shall forfeit their game and/or match and shall be eliminated from the competition in question.

Members who are determined to have violated this policy on more than one occasion shall be barred from further club competitions in that season.