

Golf Canada Handicap System™ Changes, 2016-2017 Reference Document

Sections

Section 2

- Amended the definition of “Par” using the term scratch golfer
- Amended the definition of “Score Type” by removing Internet (I)
- Amended the definition of “Tournament Score” to clarify that T-Scores need to be significant events

A note cautions that the consequence of designating too many competition rounds as T-Scores is that the chart value in the Handicap Reduction Table will be diluted. New chart is as follows:



Section 4-2

- Amended heading to: Holes Not Played or Not Played Under the Rules of Golf

The term principles have been omitted throughout the Golf Canada Handicap System to align better with “The Rules of Golf.”

Section 5-1a

- Amend wording for Section 5-1a to eliminate “Principles” of as tied to the Rules of Golf

Section 5-1d

- Amended to improve clarity and provide examples for whether a score is acceptable for handicap purposes if a player has been disqualified

Amended to provide guidance on whether a score is acceptable for handicap purposes if a player is disqualified from a competition. For example, a score is acceptable if the player fails to hole out, fails to sign scorecard, or the player refuses to apply a Rule in stroke play that affects the rights of another player under Rule 3-4.

However, if the breach is determined to provide an advantage for the player (i.e., Rules 1-2, 1-3, subsequent offenses to Rule 14-3, etc.) the score is not acceptable for handicap purposes.

Section 5-1e vi, vii and viii

- Added reference to a multiple breach of Rule 14-3, playing alone, and intentional breach of a Rule as an unacceptable score
 - (vi) When a player uses non-conforming clubs, non-conforming balls, or tees; or when a player incurs a second breach of Rule 14-3.
 - (vii) When a player plays alone;
 - (viii) When a player ignores one or more Rules of Golf and fails to post an adjusted hole score as required under Section 4-1 and 4-2, or fails to record the appropriate penalty for a breach of rule. For example, If a player anchored the club while making a stroke during a round and did not record a penalty for doing so (See Rule 14-1b), the score would not be reflected as playing under the Rules of Golf and therefore would be unacceptable for handicap purposes.

Section 6-3

- Amended accessibility of scoring records

Section 8-4c(iii)

- Amended so temporary and permanent disability modifications will be required to be displayed with an “M”

Section 9-5

- Added new subsection, Flights

Section 9-6

- Moved “How to Decide Ties in Handicap Competitions” to Section 9-6

Decisions and Appendices

Decision 4-2/1, Explanation of “Holes Not Played” under “The Rules of Golf” in accordance with the Golf Canada Handicap System (REVISED)

Revised with principles being omitted and provides three separate examples.

Decision 4-2/2, Procedure for Applying Section 4-2 for a Player with a Plus Course Handicap™ (NEW)

Decision clarifies procedure for the player with a plus Course Handicap.

Decision 5-1e/2, Scores Made Using a Distance-Measuring Device or Multi-Functional Device (REVISED)

This was revised to be consistent with Rule 14-3 of “The Rules of Golf.”

Decision 5-1e/3, Scores Made using an Artificial Device, Unusual Equipment, or use of any Equipment in an Abnormal manner (REVISED)

This was also revised to be consistent with the change to Rule 14-3 of “The Rules of Golf.” A breach of Rule 14-1, and any subsequent breach of Rule 14-3, is an unacceptable score for handicap purposes.

Decision 6-1/1, Procedure for Player who Discontinues Playing Golf for Lengthy Period and Then Resumes Playing (REVISED)

Revised to provide clarity on procedure to use based on the availability of the previous scoring record.

Decision 8-4c/1, Treatment of Player with Temporary Disability (REVISED)

As noted in Section 8-4c(iii) above, also revised this decision so it is no longer a local handicap but a modified Handicap Factor.

Decision 8-4c/2, Treatment of Player with Permanent Disability (REVISED)

Appendix E

Revised table. The table was revised based on more data analysis. The range was expanded, to include the probability of shooting 3 over to 12 under a player's handicap.