

Subject: Active Season to Inactive Season (Sent by Golf BC Sept 25, 2010)

Soon the majority of courses will be preparing to play under less than ideal conditions. British Columbia has an "inactive season" for the posting of scores which runs from November 15th until March 1st. This is the time of year when scores made on courses in the area observing the inactive season may not be posted for handicap purposes (Section 6-2 of the RCGA Handicap Manual).

Conditions at your course may become such that it may be unreasonable to post scores made before the inactive season takes effect. Thus, your club may close their book sooner than November 15th. This is acceptable and should be considered if your course is playing considerably longer than its effective playing length, and it is not possible or practical to maintain the effective playing length by moving tees forward or other similar measures. Your course may choose to "close" for posting for a short period of time, or may choose to "close" at an earlier date in time due to your course's specific conditions. Both of these are acceptable.

Ultimately it is up to the Committee in charge of the course to make the determination. The Committee structure will vary from club to club and may include club captains, the professional, superintendent and handicap committee members.

Remember the golf association determines the dates of the active/inactive season but it is the club which is best able to determine if your course is "up to par" for posting during the active season.

For more information, please consult with your handicap committee or contact the golf association.