

Zone 6 Opening April 3,2023

Good Morning

As you all know putting in ALL your scores, establishes your index/handicap. The best 8 of 20 games.

Course Handicap will be the number of strokes needed to play to **par**. It is important that an accurate par be established for each hole on a golf course for both men and women. British Columbia Golf will be the final adjudicator of par.

5. Net Double Bogey

The maximum hole score (currently Equitable Stroke Control or ESC) for each player will be a Net Double Bogey.. plus any strokes you have on that hole. (score=2=?=)

6. Safeguards in the new system

The new system will limit extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index. WHS introduces two new concepts, Soft Cap and Hard Cap to take effect only once a player has at least 20 acceptable scores in their scoring record. There is no such cap on the amount by which a player's Handicap Index can decrease. There will also be an automatic adjustment to the Handicap Index when an exceptional score of at least 7 strokes better is posted. The exceptional score reduction will be applied whether the score is a tournament or regular play.

PCC accounts for abnormal course or weather conditions to ensure that scores reflect when a course plays significantly different than its established Course Rating and Slope Rating.

If a PCC adjustment is necessary, an adjustment of -1.0, 0.0, +1.0, +2.0 or +3.0 may be applied to score differentials for that day.

The maximum Handicap Index that can be issued to a player is **54.0** for women. But the Committee in charge of a competition may set a maximum limit for entry into a competition.

I can go on and on about handicaps. It is an honorable game and everyone should be entering their score, the good, bad and ugly.

Hopefully you can monitor your players, and check up on them periodically. There are very few per club that do not put all scores in, so you only have to check them.

It is also important that they put their score in the day of play if possible as with the new system it could make a difference in their index.

Course rating. It is important that the ladies know about Course rating. You should know when we will come to your club. I know most clubs do not have ladies on their Handicap Committee and this really is not fair. You should speak to your club as you can learn a lot.

Thank you

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