Sierra Sage Men's Golf Club

Handicap Reduction Policy Rev *2-02/23*

The SSMGC has the authority to establish the conditions under which competitions are played. The following policy describes the Handicap Reduction (HR) Policy and process.

Exceptional Net Scores

SSMGC considers an Exceptional Net Score (ENS) when a member posts a tournament score that equals a **-3.0 *or greater* Net Handicap Differential (NHD)**. Handicap Differential (HD), appears as 'Differential' in the USGA GHIN, and (NHD) are calculated as follows:

> **HD** = (Adjusted Gross Score (AGS)) - Course Rating(CR) x 113/Slope Rating(SR)
> **NHD** = HD - Handicap Index(HI)

Procedure

Handicap Reduction Policy review and potential HI reduction is triggered when a member records two tournament NHDs of -3.0 *or greater*.

The first and second HI reduction(s) will remain in effect for a month respectively. The third HI reduction will remain in effect through the current tournament season *or* when scoring record catches up to member's *demonstrated* ability.

If member scores subsequent rounds with NHD -3.0 or greater, the procedure will continue to focus on the two lowest NHDs within his scoring record.

If a member's HI is reduced, notification will be done via email on file.

Exceptions

If a member had recorded two or more NHD of -3.0 *or greater* in the previous season, the member needs to post **only one** in the current season to trigger a review and potential HI reduction.

A tournament NHD of -6.0 *or greater* **at any time** will trigger a review and potential HI reduction and will follow the same aging procedure listed above.

New - A member who demonstrates multiple tournament scores below his HI, but below that triggered by the ENS review, may be assigned a Tournament Handicap Index (THI) based on an average of his lowest scores.

Example 1 - round 1

Member's HI is 12.7, resulting in a course handicap of 11. Competing on a course with a CR of 68.4 and SR of 122, scores a tournament AGS of 76.

- **HD**: (76 - 68.4) x 113/122 = **7.0**
- **NHD**: 7.0 - 12.7 = **-5.7**

Member's NHD is greater than -3.0 and added to the SSMGC Exceptional Net Score Record.

Example 1 - round 2

Member's HI is 12.3, resulting in course handicap of 11. Competing on a course with a CR 68.4 and SR 122, scores a tournament AGS of 79.

- **HD**: (79 - 68.4) x 113/122 = **8.9**
- **NHD**: 8.9 - 12.3 = **-3.4**

Second round with NHD greater than -3.0. Next step involves calculating player's HI reduction.

- Round 1 HD = **7.0**
- Round 2 HD = **8.9**
- Averaged = **7.95** (rounded to **8.0**)
- New HI: **8.0** + **1.0** = **9.0**

Member's new HI is adjusted to 9.0

Example 2

Player's HI is 24.1, resulting in course handicap of 23. Competing on a course with a CR 68.4 and SR 122, scores a tournament AGS of 83.

- **HD**: (83 - 68.4) x 113/122 = **13.5**
- **NHD**: 13.5 - 24.1 = **-10.6**

No other tournament score required to adjust players new HI to **13.5** + **1.0** = **14.5**.