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Subject: WHS TIPS TO KNOW #5-SUBMISSION OF AN EXCEPTIONAL SCORE



Golfers,

WHS Tips To Know #4 discussed how, if you suffer a string of sub-standard play, upward movement of your handicap could be limited by soft and hard caps. This email describes how under WHS the opposite outcome can be realized by what I like to call the "No REALLY GOOD day on the golf course goes unpunished" rule.

When an *exceptional score* (one which produces a *Score Differential* 7.0 or more strokes lower than your *Handicap Index*) is posted in your *scoring record*, your *Handicap Index* will be reduced in accordance with the following table:

Number of Strokes the <i>Score Differential</i> is lower than a player's <i>Handicap Index</i> in effect when the round was played.	Exceptional Score Reduction
7.0-9.9	-1.0
10.0 or more	-2.0

- A reduction can be applied based on a single *exceptional score*.
- Reductions for multiple *exceptional scores* are applied cumulatively.
- A reduction is automatically applied within the calculation of your updated *Handicap Index* following the submission of an *exceptional score*.

A reduction for an *exceptional score* is applied by adjusting each of the most recent 20 *Score Differentials* in your scoring record, which includes the *exceptional score*. As a result, the impact of the reduction will remain after you submit your next score but will dilute over time as more scores are submitted.

The upside to this rules change is that there will no longer be Handicap Index Adjustments based solely on Tournament ("T") scores. That adjustment goes away under WHS.

The USGA info sheet on this rule change is attached below.

Cheers,
Denby
KMGA Handicap Chair

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

A great round of golf can be a one-off, but sometimes it demonstrates that a player can score significantly better than their current Handicap Index would suggest.

Expected score: 92
Actual score: 84

When the adjustment is considered excessive for a player, the Handicap Committee can override it, helping ensure the Handicap Index truly reflects a player's ability.

It's going to be a few months yet!

How long until you're fully recovered?

Handicap Committee

20.9

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM
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Exceptional Scores

The Rules of Handicapping, include additional adjustments within the handicap calculation when a player submits a score at least 7 strokes below their Handicap Index at the time the round was played. This is an exceptional score and merits an additional adjustment of -1 to the updated Handicap Index.

84 is 8 strokes below 92, resulting in an adjustment of -8.

Or -2 when the score is more than 10 strokes below.

The application of this adjustment, to all of the scores within the player's scoring record, ensures that the exceptional score continues to be reflected within the player's Handicap Index for at least 20 scores.

81 is 11 strokes below 92, resulting in an adjustment of -11.

19.9 is 2 strokes below 21.9, resulting in an adjustment of -2.

Attachments:

[ESR_Change_Summary.pdf](#)

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