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To: Penn National Handicap System Members  
From: Penn National Handicap Committee

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Golf is a sport where anyone can have a friendly competition with another player or group of players. This is because golf has a handicap system. Our new World Handicap System makes this easier and provides a truer indication of a golfer's demonstrated ability.

The fundamental principles of the handicap system are based upon each individual golfer trying to make the best possible score that she/he can make on each hole. It also relies on each individual golfer posting every acceptable score correctly. This is part of the player responsibilities that are included in the new Rules of Handicapping.

The new handicapping system has a Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC). The difficulty of a golf course can vary significantly from day-to-day. During the daily handicap updates, the system uses everyone's scores for that day to determine if an adjustment is needed because of the playing conditions for that day. This is one of the important reasons why all scores should be posted on the day that the round is played. Failure to post your score prior to the daily update comprises the integrity of your handicap and other members' handicaps. However, if there is a valid reason (sudden injury, illness or emergency) for not posting the score prior to midnight, the score should still be posted as soon as possible.

There is also a provision in the rules for holes that you do not play or do not complete. If you complete at least 7 holes, you are expected to enter a 9-hole score. If you complete at least 14 holes, you are expected to enter an 18-hole score. For holes that you do not play, use a score of net par (par + strokes that you receive on that hole). If you actually started playing the hole but picked up and did not finish the hole, use the "most likely score" that you believe you would have made on that hole. The maximum score of net double bogey for each hole still applies when posting your score.

There are guidelines available to help players determine their "most likely score". We plan to have these guidelines displayed near the computer in the Pro Shop.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any Handicap Committee member. Or, talk with one of our Pros.

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