

Date: October 19, 2020
To: Penn National Handicap System Members
From: Penn National Handicap Committee

QUICK REMINDER: The last day for posting scores this season from Pennsylvania golf courses into the Handicap System is November 14th.

For your reference, this and previous Handicap Committee communications can be found on the Penn National website at <https://www.penn golf.com/golf/membership/handicaps>.

With the introduction of the World Handicap System in January of this year, the USGA directed a new process for determining the allocation of handicap strokes. The basic principle of allocating handicap strokes is to equalize the abilities of players at different handicap levels.

Under the old system individual clubs were responsible for determining stroke allocation for their course. The procedure required the collection of a massive amount of data followed by a sophisticated analysis of that data.

The new process is dramatically different from the old process and uses data from the most recent course rating. The regional association conducting the course rating provides stroke allocation data to member clubs after each course rating review, about every 7 years. Changes in stroke allocation have no bearing on the number of strokes a player receives, only on the holes where the strokes are used.

Penn National Golf Club received the new stroke allocations several months ago and the most recent order for non-member score cards contains these new stroke allocations. In fact, the new score cards have already been provided for non-members playing at Penn National.

White Penn National member's score cards remain unchanged. We recommend that Penn National members continue to use the same stroke allocations that they have used throughout 2020 by continuing to use the member scorecards. This will remain in effect for the remainder of our 2020 active season.

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

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