

PN HANDICAP COMMITTEE PROCEDURES
FOR PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY NON-COMPLIANCE

For a club to have an authorized handicap system, it must comply with the Rules of Handicapping. The PN Handicap Committee plays a vital role in the successful administration of a player's Handicap Index and is equipped with tools to intervene when the calculated Handicap Index is no longer reflective of the player's demonstrated ability. Rule 7 of the Rules of Handicapping provides details on the process to ensure that each player is treated fairly and consistently from Golf Club to Golf Club. However, in rare instances where the handicap calculation and safeguards do not accurately reflect their demonstrated ability, it will be necessary for the PN Handicap Committee to consider taking action. When the handicap committee concludes the player fails to submit or manipulates their score for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage, the committee has the authority and obligation to adjust a Handicap Index if it feels necessary to do so. When considering any adjustment to, or withdrawal of, a player's Handicap Index, the PN Handicap Committee must ensure that the player is involved in the process, fully informed of the level of any adjustment or withdrawal and made aware of how long it applies. The PN Handicap Committee will use reasonable judgement in assessing each situation to fairly and consistently take the appropriate action to carry out and/or modify the procedures described below.

The committee uses a progressive set of disciplinary actions for failure to post or player manipulating their Handicap Index. Depending on the facts and circumstances of each case the PN Handicap Committee will determine what actions and which steps will be appropriate. The normal steps are:

1. First failure to post or potential manipulation of score will result in a verbal warning
2. Second failure will result in a written warning
3. Third failure will result in the appropriate penalty score issued for scores not posted
4. Fourth failure to post your score or continued manipulation of the scoring record, further disciplinary action (including adjusting a handicap index, withholding a handicap index, etc) will be taken as deemed fair and equitable

Prior to making an adjustment or withdrawal of a player's Handicap Index, the player must be given the opportunity to respond either in writing or in person to the PN Handicap Committee. The player will be provided the information available as to why the Handicap Index is being adjusted or withdrawn as well as the duration. The player may escalate their grievance of the Handicap Index adjustment to the AGA Handicap Committee for review if they believe the PN Handicap Committee is not operating within the Rules of Handicapping.