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To the Members of the Penn National Handicap System:

We would like to announce the activation of a new Penn National Handicap Committee. The members are listed at the end of this announcement and have been meeting since the beginning of July.

### **Why do we have a handicap committee?**

According to the USGA Handicap System manual, an essential element of the committee is to “ensure the integrity of the USGA Handicap System”. “Fair handicapping depends upon full and accurate information regarding a player’s potential scoring ability”. These quotes provide the two key reasons for the committee. Basically, the Penn National Handicap Committee is responsible for all aspects of the USGA Handicap System at Penn National. More information is available online at [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org) under the topic of “handicapping”.

### **The first step...**

We believe that our highest responsibility for 2012 is to provide education to our membership about the USGA Handicap System so that all of our members can “ensure the integrity” of our system at Penn National.

For example, did you know that there are two basic premises that underlie the USGA Handicap System?

1. “each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round”
2. “the player will post every acceptable round for peer review”

Enjoy the remainder of the 2012 season and contact any member of the Penn National Handicap Committee with any questions or issues.

Sincerely,

The Penn National Handicap Committee

Gene Gellman, Chairman  
Dave Loveland  
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