

GHIN HCP Index Modification for SCMC

There is a 2-step process to determine if a club member should be awarded a modification to his GHIN HCP index when returning to golf after an extended playing gap of more than 2 months. The extended play gap is defined by a gap in HCP posting to GHIN.

Step 1: The player may approach a SCMHC or Board member and request a review of his playing HCP. Alternately the HCP Chairman may do so if he identifies a significant departure of the players posting differentials from the GHIN HCP Index.

Step 2: The player must post 3 rounds to GHIN after his return to play which allows a HCP index calculation using the WHS handicap calculation table. Based on a review by the SCMHC, a decision will be made on whether to assign/track an alternate (IR) HCP index.

When the handicap differentials between GHIN and IR HCP Indexes merge to less than a single integer, the HCP Chairman shall declare the player's GHIN HCP Index to be used for course play.

It should be noted that the HCP Chairman's experience with members of Stonecreek Men's Club, most adjustments are to increase the HCP index but there were 2 occasions where the HCP Index was lowered.

Additional explanations:

A] Of the three rounds played prior to the policy taking effect - the preference would be that one of them be a SCMC tournament.

B] Members coming back from sickness or injury should be reminded of the option to play in a non-competitive mode (and receive 1 point) without paying the \$15 registration fee. They have an option to pay \$5 to be included in the hole in one, skins or close to pen awards.

C] Members playing with "adjusted handicaps" should be clearly identified in the spirit of full transparency for fellow members. [how do we do this?]

D] This policy is structured around the USGA table shown.

<i>Number of Score Differentials in scoring record</i>	<i>Score Differential(s) to be used in calculation of HCP Index</i>	<i>Adjustment</i>
3	Lowest 1	-2
4	Lowest 1	-1
5	Lowest 1	0
6	Avg of lowest 2	-1
7 or 8	Avg of lowest 2	0
9 to 11	Avg of lowest 3	0
12 to 14	Avg of lowest 4	0
15 or 16	Avg of lowest 5	0
17 or 18	Avg of lowest 6	0
19	Avg of lowest 7	0
20	Avg of lowest 8	0