

PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING HANDICAP PENALTIES

POLICY: The procedure outlined below was developed in accordance with the USGA Handicap Committee Guide, Rule 7 and the World Handicap System. The handicap committee (HC) will monitor player's posting of scores for compliance with USGA rules governing handicaps. Players will be given the opportunity to post their scores in a timely manner. The handicap chairman will advise players of non-posting as issues arise. The HC will give the player every opportunity to come into compliance without imposing penalties. Only after player has demonstrated a disregard for the handicap system will a penalty situation occur.

1. Handicap committee recognizes player not posting scores and advises him of the handicap system requirements.
2. Handicap committee monitors players posting and response to HC correspondence.
3. If player is either non-responsive or does not post his scores, HC decides on a further course of action. An assessment of the impact of player's action is made and HC decides any further action. The assessment should determine if the player is benefiting from not posting his scores. For example, is he playing in events of the club or outside the club. The course of action may be continued monitoring or something more severe.

Penalty procedure. This would occur when it is determined that player has disregard for the handicap system requirements and/or player is benefiting from not posting or posting inaccurate scores. HC decides to impose a penalty and advises head professional golfer and MPMGA board of need to impose a penalty. All must concur on the course of action while mindful of the penalties available under Rule 7 of the USGA Handicap Guide. Upon deciding, HC contacts player and imposes penalty.