

# **SILVERBELL GOLF CLUB**

## **HANDICAP PENALTY SCORE POLICY**

### **■ b. Penalty Scores**

If a player fails to post an acceptable score as soon as practical after completion of the round, the [Handicap Committee](#) should post the score and/or a [penalty score](#) and ratings equal to the lowest [Handicap Differential](#) in the player's [scoring record](#). However, if the score not returned is unusually high, the [Handicap Committee](#) should enter the score and/or a [penalty score](#) and ratings equal to the highest [Handicap Differential](#) in the player's [scoring record](#).

### **■ c. Handicap Index Adjustment by Handicap Committee**

The [Handicap Committee](#) has the responsibility of making certain that each player has a [Handicap Index](#) reflecting potential ability. Under the following circumstances, it will be necessary for the [Handicap Committee](#) to adjust the player's [Handicap Index](#). However, the following list is not all-inclusive, and a [Handicap Committee](#) has the ultimate authority to adjust a [Handicap Index](#) under any circumstance that it feels necessary to do so. Before an adjustment becomes effective, the [Handicap Committee](#) must give the player an opportunity to explain the circumstances surrounding the proposed adjustment, either in writing or by appearing before the committee. When an adjustment does become effective, it must be identified with the letter M, reflecting that the [Handicap Committee](#) has modified the [Handicap Index](#) (e.g., 4.9M).

*Note:* See Appendix B for a sample letter notifying a player of [Handicap Index](#) adjustment.

#### **(i) Improving Faster Than The System Can React**

A player recently taking up the game may improve too rapidly for a [Handicap Index](#) calculated by the standard procedure to reflect potential ability. For example, a player who is working on their game by practicing aspects of their game and/or taking playing lessons (see Decision [5-1d/1](#)) may not have a scoring record that exhibits potential ability and may need a [Handicap Index](#) adjustment. Also, if the player's [Handicap Index](#) is only updated once a month, for example, then the [Handicap Committee](#) may consider adjusting the player's [Handicap Index](#) to account for the player's improvement within the next month.

#### **(ii) Numerous Away or Internet Scores Change Index**

If a player's [Handicap Index](#) increases by 3.0 or more strokes due to the posting of numerous away or Internet scores, and subsequent scores at the player's club clearly indicate that the increased [Handicap Index](#) is too high, the [Handicap Committee](#) must adjust the player's [Handicap Index](#) downward.

#### **(iii) Temporary Disability**

An increase in a [Handicap Index](#) must not be granted because a player's game is temporarily off or the player has discontinued play. However, an increased handicap may be given for a temporary disability. The increased handicap is not a [Handicap Index](#), and it must be identified by the letter "L" to indicate that it is for local use. For example, a player having had recent surgery may be given a higher handicap while recovering. (See Decisions [8-4c/1](#), [8-4c/2](#), and [local handicap](#).)