

NB League Participants,

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The North Bellingham Competition Handicap Committee would like to have our membership better understand “Exceptional Scores” for competitive play: what they are, how you achieve them, and how they affect your handicap when they occur during League play.

If you’re playing golf regularly, the handicap system is designed to accurately reflect your current golfing potential. Contrary to public belief, your handicap is not supposed to represent your average score or differential. It seeks to represent your potential best scoring, which is why it takes into account only your 10 best scores out of your last 20 rounds.

In order to protect the integrity of NB League, the handicap committee is adopting the following procedure for 2019 season.

- During league stroke play or match play competitions, a player that has a very good round, where the player’s differential (Adjusted Gross Score minus the Standard rating of the tee) is between 3 to 4 strokes better than the player’s handicap index at the time, it will be flagged as an exceptional score. This exceptional score will place you on the NB League watch list for 1 month.
- If a player has a second exceptional round with a net differential between -3 and -4, the player will have a men’s club reduction of 3 strokes to their handicap index for 1 month.
- If a player has an exceptional score greater than -4 the player will receive an automatic reduction of 3 strokes to their handicap index for 1 month.

These reductions only apply to North Bellingham league and match play competitions. They do not apply to competitions away from North Bellingham Golf Course or events that are open to the public.

We want all NB League members to understand we are implementing these procedures to keep all handicap index’s and scores within the normal range of probability. The men’s club committee is posting the Exceptional Score Probability Table so NB League members can understand what is “normal” scoring probability. Our newly adopted procedures will also better allow us to monitor play from different sets of tees.

Individuals of all playing abilities have periods of rapid improvement or have rounds with exceptional scores. Our reductions are only intended to bring index’s and scoring potentials back into the “normal” range probability. We are not making any accusations. We are simply trying to allow for the greatest degree of fair play.

We welcome your input on this new procedure. We also welcome greater participation in the NB League’s Handicap Committee. If you would like join the committee, please feel free to reach out to Kevin Stray or myself.

Thanks,

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