



## CLOVELLY COUNTRY CLUB

### ADDENDUM 6

#### Scoring and Handicapping Policy

The following document, applicable to all members, outlines Clovelly Country Club's policy for matters relating to scoring and handicapping, and has been formulated with specific reference to the SAGA Handicapping Manual.

#### 1. Scoring and Score Entry

Scores should be entered at any SAGA Handicap Terminal **every time** a round is played, no matter where the round is played, provided such round can be verified by a playing competitor. It is the player's responsibility to ensure that all his/her scores are entered **accurately** and timeously. A score should be entered within 72 hours of the completion of a round. Where it is not possible to enter a score at a SAGA Handicapping Terminal, alternative means are permissible, which include:

- a. Having the score entered by the player's home club.
- b. Entering the score online at [www.handicaps.co.za](http://www.handicaps.co.za).
- c. Entering the score through a cellular phone application.

The period of 72 hours is taken from 21:00 on the day of play to 21:00 three days later. Scores not returned during this period, will result in a penalty score, computed by the HNA system, being entered on the player's behalf. Such scores shall not be deleted or modified by the player's home club, unless exceptional circumstances warrant such action.

#### **Scores not to be entered**

Scores made under the following conditions are not acceptable for handicap purposes and should not be entered in the player's scoring record:

- a) When the score cannot be ratified by a playing partner or competitor;
- b) When the types of clubs are limited (as in a competition in which only iron clubs are allowed);
- c) When the round played includes the use of "Mulligans";
- d) Competition Match Play Rounds;
- e) When more than one ball is used;
- f) When the course is not officially rated;
- g) When the player uses non-conforming clubs, balls or tees.

## **2. Maintenance of an accurate SAGA Handicap Record**

Fair handicapping depends upon full, accurate information of a player's ability as reflected by their scores. All golfers should make sure that their scores, whether good or bad, are recorded. Incomplete records lead to unfair handicaps. Proper handicap records, maintained by the SAGA Handicap System, are essential to the correct computation of a SAGA Handicap. Should a player persist in not maintaining an accurate handicap record, disciplinary measures may be applied by Clovelly's Handicap Committee.

## **3. The Role of the Handicapping Committee**

Clovelly's "Handicap Committee" is a group of at least two members of Clovelly's Club Committee, who are responsible for the monitoring and revision of all handicaps at Clovelly. The Handicapping Committee is responsible for the equitable application of all handicap rules and controls which includes a responsibility to ensure that the following points are adhered to:

- all scores must be correctly and timeously captured and returned.
- omitted and un-entered scores that would have resulted in a handicap decrease for a player are entered as penalty scores and the handicap for that player shall immediately be recalculated.
- particularly high (or low) scores in non-competition rounds, or rounds played away from Clovelly, contributing to handicap re-calculation are reviewed and the handicap re-calculated omitting these scores.
- repeated good scores by a player are properly reflected by an appropriate reduction in handicap.
- to ensure that the spirit of the system is upheld and that any perceived manipulation of handicaps be thoroughly investigated and suitable disciplinary measures applied to proven offenders.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

The Handicapping Committee will, after every club competition round, review scorecards signed for by members and compare them to the scores entered by the player on the SAGA Handicap Terminal.

If the Handicapping Committee becomes aware of a score/handicapping discrepancy then it will follow the following disciplinary procedure:

### **First Offence:**

Letter from Club Captain informing player that a score/handicapping discrepancy has been noted by the Handicap Committee. The incorrect score will be corrected by the Club and recorded on the player's HNA profile.

### **Second Offence:**

Letter from Club Captain informing player that a second score/handicapping discrepancy has been noted by the Handicap Committee. The score will be replaced with a penalty score, this will be equal to the player's best score out of their last 20 rounds recorded on the player's HNA profile (as per the limitations set out by the HNA Manual).

### **Third Offence:**

On receiving their third letter regarding a score/handicapping discrepancy a member will be asked to appear before the Handicap Committee to explain his or her actions, with the possibility of further disciplinary action being taken.

An offence shall prescribe after 3 years.

#### **OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

- If there is a variance of more than 4 shots between a score recorded in a competition and a score entered for handicapping purposes this will amount to an immediate third offence and the Member will be asked to appear before the Handicap Committee to explain his or her actions, with the possibility of further disciplinary action being taken.
- If a Member fails to enter an exceptional score (being a net 67 or less), this will be deemed to be a second offence.
- Depending on the nature of the offence, the Handicapping Committee may, at its discretion, arbitrarily reduce or increase the handicaps of players. The Handicap Committee is empowered in such circumstances to determine the extent of adjustment based on the limitations of the 'Freeze' function as defined in the SAGA Handicap Manual.
- In cases of a prolonged period of exceptional performance, without a corresponding reduction in handicap, the Handicapping Committee reserves the right to apply rule 12.4.2 of the SAGA Handicapping Manual at their discretion and apply a manual change to a player's handicap.
- In exceptional circumstances, the Handicapping Committee may, after following due process, withdraw the handicap of a player for a period not exceeding 3 months.
- In an extreme case of non-cooperation by a Member, the Club may withdraw a Member's handicap or expel the Member from the Club.