



Handicap Reduction Policy for SCGA Women's Team Play

The SCGA, as the Committee in charge of the competition, has the authority to establish the conditions under which the competition is played. The following describes the SCGA's Handicap Reduction Policy and the automated process that reviews all scores posted during SCGA Women's Team Play.

Exceptional Net Scores

The SCGA Rules and Competitions Department considers an exceptional net score to have been posted when a player registers a **-3.0 Net Handicap Differential**. For SCGA Women's Team Play a Handicap Differential and Net Handicap Differential are calculated as follows:

- **Handicap Differential:** $(\text{Adjusted Gross Score} - \text{Course Rating}) \times 113 / \text{Slope Rating}$
- **Net Handicap Differential:** $\text{Handicap Differential} - \text{Handicap Index Used in Event}$

Procedure

In order for a potential Handicap reduction to take place, a player must have two Net Handicap Differentials of at least -3.0 in the current calendar year. The determination of whether a differential meets the -3.0 threshold is based on the Handicap Index (H.I.) used in the event.

Exception: If a player had two or more Net Handicap Differentials of at least -3.0 in the previous year, the player would only need to register one Net Handicap Differential of at least -3.0 in the current year to potentially be reduced.

Example – Rd. 1

Player A's H.I. is 12.5, resulting in a Course Handicap of 14. He competes on a golf course with a Course Rating of 70.7 and Slope Rating of 124 and shoots an Adjusted Gross Score of 78.

- **Handicap Differential:** $(78 - 70.7) \times 113 / 124 = 6.7$
- **Net Handicap Differential:** $6.7 - 12.5 = -5.8$

Player A's Net Handicap Differential is at least -3.0, so Player A is added to the SCGA Exceptional Net Score File.

If the same player shoots another round during SCGA Women's Team Play with a Net Handicap Differential of at least -3.0 (or if the player registered two or more Net Handicap Differentials of at least -3.0 the previous year), the player's handicap may potentially be reduced. The example continues:

Example – Rd. 2

Player A's H.I. is now 12.3, resulting in a Course Handicap of 13. She competes on a golf course with a Course Rating of 68.0 and Slope Rating of 119 and shoots an Adjusted Gross Score of 76:

- **Handicap Differential:** $(76 - 68.0) \times 113 / 119 = 7.6$
- **Net Handicap Differential:** $7.6 - 12.3 = -4.7$

After two rounds with Net Handicap Differentials of at least -3.0, the SCGA focuses on the Handicap Differentials themselves.

- Player A's Rd. 1 Handicap Differential: **6.7**
- Player A's Rd. 2 Handicap Differential: **7.6**
- Average: **7.15** rounded to **7.2**

- The SCGA Women's Team Play Handicap is the average calculated above plus 1.0: **8.2**.

The automatic process compares the SCGA Women's Team Play Handicap to the player's H.I. that would otherwise be used. If the SCGA Women's Team Play Handicap is at least two (2) strokes lower than the H.I. that would otherwise be used for a particular match, the player would be reduced to the SCGA Women's Team Play Handicap for that particular match. This reduction will be in effect until the player's H.I. falls to a number equal or less than the SCGA Women's Team Play Handicap during the calendar year.

If the player shoots a subsequent round(s) with a Net Handicap Differential of at least -3.0, the procedure will continue to focus on the two lowest Handicap Differentials.

If a player's handicap is reduced for SCGA Women's Team Play, the player, the Captain and her club's Handicap Chair will be notified via e-mail.