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Memo

To: Golf Industry
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Subject: GA Guidance re Determination of Individual Hole Score to Count on Autoscore Score Card

Dear All,

Golf Australia and some State Associations have recently fielded various queries regarding autoscore score cards. A common query has been: 'two different scores are recorded for the same hole (eg the number '5' autoscore box is selected but a '4' has been written down) which score should count?'

To clarify this point, it was felt that GA should provide some guidance.

After discussion with The R&A, GA has put together the following statement to assist those clubs and competition organisers who use autoscore score cards.

The R&A considers the use of autoscore score cards to conform with the Rules of Golf. However, The R&A does not currently consider the Rules to stipulate which recorded individual hole score should count in the instance of a discrepancy between a written score and an entry in the autoscore section of the card. It is The R&A's view that each individual Committee has the authority to make its own determination in this respect.

To assist Committees in making such a determination, Golf Australia recommends that the following policy be adopted by those Committees using autoscore score cards:

If two different scores are recorded for the same hole (eg the number '5' autoscore box is selected but a '4' has been written down) the higher score will count. (If only a number is recorded, or only an autoscore box is selected, that number or autoscore selection will be the score to count.)

Note: This is only a recommendation. Each Committee is free to develop its own policy in this regard after taking into consideration all local circumstances. (For example, it is permissible for a Committee to adopt a policy deeming that only a recording in the autoscore section of the card will be accepted.)

Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind regards,

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