

# Common Handicapping Scenarios – Procedures for Pro Shops & Handicap Committees (GOLF AUSTRALIA – Version 26 August 2010)

SCENARIO	COMPETITION ACTION	HANDICAPPING ACTION / GOLF Link SCORE STATUS
<p>1. Withdrawal after player commences round due to any of the following being considered (by the Handicap Committee) to be of reasonable significance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Illness</li> <li>▫ Injury</li> <li>▫ Emergency</li> <li>▫ Bad weather (<i>Note: In this context, 'bad weather' does NOT generally need to be bad enough to force a suspension or cancellation of play. If some players are willing to continue does not mean it is necessarily unreasonable in this context for others to stop. Handicap Committees should be reasonably understanding in determining when weather is considered 'bad'. It should be remembered that club golfers play the game as a recreation.</i>)</li> <li>▫ Other reason for stopping which is considered valid by the Handicap Committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>(i) PLAYER HAS COMPLETED LESS THAN 9 HOLES.</b></p> <p><b>(ii) PLAYER HAS COMPLETED 9 HOLES OR MORE.</b></p>	<p><b>(i) &amp; (ii)</b> The player's result in the competition should be recorded as "Withdrawn".</p>	<p><b>(i)</b> Not used for handicapping. <u>GOLF Link Score Status – "No Score – Approved".</u></p> <p><b>(ii) (A)</b> If the player's incomplete score is identified, the committee should extend the player's score to an 18-hole score by awarding them net par (eg 2 Stableford points) for each unplayed hole. The 18-hole score is used for handicapping. <u>GOLF Link Score Status – "Okay".</u></p> <p><b>(B)</b> If the committee does not, or can not, create an 18-hole score, the card is not used for handicapping. <u>GOLF Link Score Status – "No Score – Approved".</u></p>
<p>2. When NOT APPROVED by the Handicap Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Withdrawal after player commences round, or;</li> <li>◆ Card not returned.</li> </ul> <p><b>(i) PLAYER HAS COMPLETED LESS THAN 9 HOLES.</b></p> <p><b>(ii) PLAYER HAS COMPLETED 9 HOLES OR MORE.</b></p>	<p>Disqualified from the competition.</p>	<p><b>(i)</b> A <i>penalty score</i> should be entered. GA recommends a score of 10 BETTER than the player's handicap, however the Handicap Committee may determine a different value.) <u>The <i>penalty score</i> value is entered into GOLF Link with a Score Status of: "Disqualified".</u></p> <p><b>(ii) (A)</b> If an incomplete score is identified, the committee should extend it to an 18-hole score by awarding the player net par (eg 2 Stableford points) for each unplayed hole. If a complete 18-hole score is identified, it is used for handicapping as played. <u>The 18-hole score is entered into GOLF Link with a Score Status of: "Disqualified".</u></p> <p><b>(B)</b> If the committee does not, or can not, create an 18-hole score; a <i>penalty score</i> (see 2(i) above) should be entered. <u>The <i>penalty score</i> value is entered into GOLF Link with a Score Status of: "Disqualified".</u></p> <p><b>GENERAL NOTE:</b> Where a Handicap Committee feels a player has failed to complete a round for the purposes of manipulating either their score or their handicap, a <i>penalty score</i> should be entered (see 2(i) above).</p>

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3. No handicap on card. <b>(i) STROKE (RULE 6-2b).</b> <b>(ii) PAR &amp; STABLEFORD (RULE 6-2b &amp; 32-2a)</b>	<b>(i)</b> Disqualified from net event. <b>(ii)</b> As above. Note: If scratch event is held, card accepted for scratch.	<b>(i) &amp; (ii)</b> Apply correct handicap and use for handicapping. <u>The total score is entered into GOLF <i>Link</i> with a Score Status of: “<b>Disqualified</b>”.</u>
4. Card not signed (Rule 6-6b).	Disqualified from the competition.	Use for handicapping as returned. <u>The score is entered into GOLF <i>Link</i> with a Score Status of: “<b>Disqualified</b>”.</u>
5. Higher handicap on card which affects the number of strokes received <b>(i) STROKE (RULE 6-2b).</b> <b>(ii) PAR &amp; STABLEFORD (RULE 6-2b &amp; 32-2a)</b>	<b>(i)</b> Disqualified from net event. <b>(ii)</b> As above. Note: If scratch event is held, card accepted for scratch.	<b>(i) &amp; (ii)</b> Apply correct handicap and use for handicapping. <u>The total score is entered into GOLF <i>Link</i> with a Score Status of: “<b>Disqualified</b>”.</u>
6. Lower handicap on card in Stroke, Par or Stableford (Rule 6-2b & 32-2a).	Card accepted for competition as returned.	Apply correct handicap and use for handicapping. <u>GOLF <i>Link</i> Score Status – “<b>Okay</b>”.</u>
7. <b>(i) PLAYER PICKS UP ON HOLE/S IN STROKE BUT RETURNS SCORES FOR ALL OTHER HOLES.</b> <b>(ii) SCORE NOT LISTED ON SCORE CARD IN STROKE FOR HOLE OR HOLES WHICH HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.</b>	<b>(i) &amp; (ii)</b> Disqualified from the competition.	<b>(i)</b> The player is deemed to have a stroke score for any holes on which they picked up of 2 over net par (ie 0 Stableford points). <u>The total score is then entered into GOLF <i>Link</i> with a Score Status of: “<b>Disqualified</b>”.</u> <b>(ii) (A)</b> If correct score/s can be readily identified (to a reasonable degree of certainty), adjust and use for handicapping. <u>The total score is entered into GOLF <i>Link</i> with a Score Status of: “<b>Disqualified</b>”.</u> <b>(B)</b> If correct score/s cannot be identified, the player is awarded net par (eg 2 Stableford points) for each missing score. <u>The total score is then entered into GOLF <i>Link</i> with a Score Status of: “<b>Disqualified</b>”.</u>
8. Score for hole omitted in Par & Stableford. <b>(i) HOLE PLAYED BUT SCORE NOT RECORDED.</b> <b>(ii) HOLE NOT PLAYED.</b>	Card accepted as returned. (No obligation under the Rules of Golf to record a score for every hole in Par or Stableford.)	<b>(i)</b> If correct score/s can be readily identified (to a reasonable degree of certainty), adjust and use for handicapping. If correct score/s cannot be identified, the player is awarded net par (eg 2 Stableford points) for each missing score. <b>(ii)</b> The committee should extend the player’s score to an 18-hole score by awarding them net par (eg 2 Stableford points) for each unplayed hole. The extended score is used for handicapping. <u>GOLF <i>Link</i> Score Status – “<b>Okay</b>”.</u>
9. Higher score than actually taken recorded in Stroke, Par and Stableford (Rules 6-6d & 32-2a).	Card accepted as returned.	For handicapping, use the score the player actually had. <u>GOLF <i>Link</i> Score Status – “<b>Okay</b>”.</u>
10. Lower score than actually taken on a hole recorded in Stroke (Rule 6-6d).	Disqualified from the competition.	For handicapping, use the score the player actually had. <u>The total score is entered into GOLF <i>Link</i> with a Score Status of: “<b>Disqualified</b>”.</u>
11. Lower score than actually taken recorded in Par and Stableford. (Please refer to Rule 32-2a and relevant Rules of Golf Decisions.)	<b>(i)</b> If result of hole affected – Disqualified from the competition. <b>(ii)</b> If result of hole not affected, no penalty applies and card accepted for the competition.	<b>(i)</b> Use correct score for handicapping. <u>The total score is entered into GOLF <i>Link</i> with a Score Status of: “<b>Disqualified</b>”.</u> <b>(ii)</b> Use for handicapping as returned. <u>GOLF <i>Link</i> Score Status – “<b>Okay</b>”.</u>
12. Card handed in after competition has closed.	Disqualified from the competition.	Use for handicapping. <u>The total score is entered into GOLF <i>Link</i> with a Score Status of: “<b>Disqualified</b>”.</u>