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**TO:** Handicap Managers

**SUBJECT:** Handicapping and Course Rating when Bunkers are out of Play

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When Bunkers are filled with casual water, damaged or being renovated, the following table provides guidance for Clubs to follow when processing Competitions.

<b>Number of bunkers out of play</b>	<b>Period of Time</b>	<b>Contact State Association</b>	<b>Impact on Club's Scratch Rating</b>
0 to 5	< 1 month	No	None
0 to 5	More than 1 month	Yes	Possible
6 to 10	< 7 days	No	None
6 to 10	More than 7 days	Yes	Possible
11 or more	< 7 days	No	Use scores for handicapping with current ACR
11 or more	7 days or greater	Yes (complete <i>Golf NSW form</i> )	Temporary Scratch Rating may be required

A Temporary Rating Application Form for Bunkers is available on the website under Course Rating and Handicapping.

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