



LEDGEVIEW
GOLF CLUB

APPENDIX "6"

Ledgeview's Handicap Policy

Purpose:

The Handicap System at Ledgeview Golf Club is designed to make golf more enjoyable for players of all abilities by allowing fair and equitable competition regardless of skill level.

Two fundamental principles support the system:

- a) Every player will strive to post the best possible score at every hole in every round they play.
- b) Every player will submit all acceptable rounds (adjusted gross individual score) for peer review.

Member Responsibilities:

- a) All members are strongly encouraged to maintain a current and valid Golf Canada Handicap Index. Any member who participates in club competitions including trophy events, Men's League, Women's Days, and inter-club matches **must** keep a current and valid handicap in accordance with the World Handicap System administered by Golf Canada.
- b) A Golf Canada membership and access to the handicap system is included with every Ledgeview membership. Please contact the Pro Shop if assistance is needed accessing Golf Canada Handicap System.
- c) It is not optional to post only selected scores. All acceptable rounds, (including 9-hole rounds and any incomplete rounds) where an individual score can be recorded should be entered into the handicap system. preferably on the same day the round is played.
- d) Each player is responsible for reviewing their opponent's handicap before any competition begins and for raising any questions or concerns about posted scores or handicaps at that time.
- e) Players must also ensure they are using the correct handicap for the specific set of tees being played in the competition.



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Handicap Committee Responsibilities:

Ledgeview maintains a dedicated Handicap Committee to oversee the system and ensure fairness for all members. The Committee follows a structured four-pronged approach to monitoring handicaps:

a) Non-Competitive Members:

The Committee will maintain a list of members who do not wish to compete in club events and are not interested in maintaining a valid handicap. These members may still participate in gross-score competitions. In any net handicap competition, they will play off a handicap of zero (or plus 5 if their most recent valid index was a plus handicap).

b) General Review:

The Committee will review the roster of members participating in the handicap system on a semi-annual basis (typically February and July). Rounds played at Ledgeview will be compared to scores posted with Golf Canada, and any member not meeting a minimum 80% posting threshold will be contacted by a Captain, the Head Professional, or another Committee member.

c) Automatic Adjustment by Golf Canada:

The Committee will apply Golf Canada's automatic adjustments for exceptional scores. For score differentials 7.0–9.9 strokes better than a player's Handicap Index, a reduction of 1.0 is applied to each of the most recent 20 score differentials. For differentials of 10.0 or more, a reduction of 2.0 is applied in the same manner.

d) Specific Member Review:

The Committee will closely monitor tournament results and conduct a specific review when any of the following occurs:

1. A member records an exceptional score meaning a score differential at least 7.0 strokes better than their Handicap Index in a club tournament round.
2. A member demonstrates a clear pattern of performing significantly better in competitions than in general play.
3. A member wins multiple net events, meaning two wins in the current season, three in the prior two seasons, or four in the prior three seasons.
4. A specific inquiry is received regarding a member's handicap.



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Penalties:

- a) Any player found to be using an invalid or outdated handicap in a club competition will forfeit the match or event.
- b) Members who repeatedly violate the handicap policy may be barred from further club competitions for the remainder of the season.
- c) All decisions will be made fairly and in accordance with Golf Canada guidelines.



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