



## **MEMBER CLUB HANDICAP LICENSE COMPLIANCE POLICY**

### **Program Outline:**

- In keeping with the requirements of our Handicap License Agreement with the World Handicap Authority (WHA), all Golf Canada Member Clubs must be licensed by Golf Canada to use the World Handicap System (WHS) and issue Golf Canada Handicap Indexes. The program will be administered jointly by Golf Canada and the authorized provincial golf association.

### **Purpose:**

- The purpose of the Golf Canada Member Club Handicap License Policy is to ensure that all Golf Canada Member Clubs comply with the requirements of the WHS. This program is part of our ongoing efforts to encourage uniform and consistent application of the system as well as fostering a better understanding and awareness of the system at the club level.

### **Club Responsibilities:**

- Member Clubs have until the start of the jurisdictional Active Season to comply with their responsibilities as set out in the WHS, including establishing a Handicap Committee.
- The agreement is valid for 4 years after signing unless it is determined at any time that a club does not comply with the requirements of the WHS.
- Any Golf Canada Member Club that has not been licensed will not be authorized to issue Golf Canada Handicap Indexes. Handicaps carried by members of such a club will not be valid.
- Within the term of the agreement, an individual representing the Golf Canada Member Club must complete a Rules of Handicapping Certification Seminar conducted by an authorized provincial golf association or Golf Canada and pass a test exhibiting knowledge of the WHS and its policies.

### **Provincial Association Responsibilities:**

- Communicating the licensing program to members and member clubs via mailings, website, etc.
- Working jointly with Golf Canada to distribute copies of the license agreement to their member clubs, collecting signed agreements, and forwarding a copy of the signed agreement to Golf Canada for final approval.
- Prior to forwarding a signed copy of the license agreement to Golf Canada, the provincial association should be satisfied that the golf club complies with all aspects of the WHS.
- Conducting Rules of Handicapping Certification Seminars for member clubs.
- Assisting Golf Canada in conducting periodic club audits to ensure compliance with the WHS and the License agreement. If it is found that a club violates any of the terms of the licensing agreement it will be unable to issue Golf Canada Handicap Indexes to its members, meaning its members will not be allowed to compete in provincial or Golf Canada events.

**Golf Canada Responsibilities:**

- Working jointly with Provincial Associations to distribute copies of the license agreement to member clubs, collecting signed agreements, and providing final approval.
- Fulfill the requirements of the WHA Handicap License agreements.
- License authorized provincial golf associations for use of the WHS.
- Jointly administer the Member Club Handicap Compliance Policy with the authorized provincial golf association.
- Communicate and promote the program to member clubs and members.
- Maintain a list of licensed clubs on the Golf Canada website.
- Provide Rules of Handicapping Seminar support (educational material, curriculum) and subsidies as per the "Golf Canada Rules of Handicapping Certification Assistance Program".