

Sudden Valley Golf Club
Handicap Adjustment Process for Tournaments
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There will be three handicap groups for the purpose of monitoring and adjusting player handicaps in the event of scores more than once in a season that are not statistically likely. Each handicap group will have its own defined differential between handicap and tournament score. The differential is 6 strokes for 0-9 handicaps; 7 strokes for 10-19 handicaps; and, 8 strokes for handicaps 20 and above. Players shooting or exceeding those differentials will draw the attention of the Handicap Committee.

Players who record a tournament score that equals or exceeds the differential will receive a letter of congratulations from the Handicap Committee, and a notice that the score has been flagged. This action simply means the Committee is watching the scores for a second such round. On the second occurrence of scoring below the handicap differential in a tournament, the tournament handicap will be adjusted. The adjustment will remain in place for 8 tournaments, or the end of the current tournament season, whichever comes first.

Note that should the player continue to shoot similar low scores, the handicap has already been adjusted. It will not be adjusted again.

Note also that whether the player wins a prize is not part of the adjustment consideration. Simply shooting two scores lower than handicap differential during the same tournament season is the only criterion for the adjustment.

Formula: the two differentials will be added together and divided by 4, to derive the handicap adjustment. The adjusted value is subtracted from the USGA handicap to create the new tournament handicap.

Example of the adjustment process using a 12 handicap player (handicap differential = 7) as the example. In the first tournament, the player shoots 77, which is 7 strokes below handicap. The player receives a congratulatory letter and the score is flagged. Three weeks later, this player shoots a 75, which is 9 strokes below handicap. The two differentials are entered into the formula to calculate the adjustment value ($(7+9)/4 = 16/4 = 4.0$). The tournament handicap for this player will be set at 8 ($12 - 4$) for the next 8 tournaments or until the end of the year.