



NORTHERN NEVADA GOLF ASSOCIATION HANDICAP POLICY



OVERVIEW

As a licensed allied golf association required to administer the World Handicap System™ on behalf of the USGA, it is understood that the NNGA must be diligent in ensuring an equitable playing field in its competitions.

All competitors agree to maintain their Handicap Index® in accordance with the rules set forth in the Rules of Handicapping. They agree to follow the two basic premises that underlie the WHS™, namely that they will try to make the best score at every hole in every round and that they will post every acceptable score for peer review.

All competitors agree to be members of a NNGA Member Club in which a Handicap Committee comprised of players and the Executive Director will be granted the authority to adjust a players' Handicap Index® pursuant to Rule 7.1a of the Rules of Handicapping.

TERMS AND POLICIES

HANDICAP INDEX®: Competitors in net events are required to have an Active GHIN Number with a NNGA Member Club. The NNGA Tournament Committee shall use the players Handicap Index® as of five (5) days prior to the start of competition.

HANDICAP ALLOWANCES: Handicap allowances are designed to provide equity for players of all levels of ability in each format of play. Handicap allowances are applied to the Course Handicap as the final step in calculating a player's Playing Handicap.

Please refer to Appendix C of the USGA Rules of Handicapping for the full table of Handicap Allowances. For any formats not covered in Appendix C, the handicap allowances will be determined by the NNGA Tournament Committee and be posted on the Notice to Players for that event.

MAXIMUM PLAYING HANDICAP: The maximum playing handicap that a player can receive for any NNGA event will be 27 for men and 36 for women. Any player who has a playing handicap of more than the Maximum Playing Handicap, will have their handicap reduced to the Maximum Playing Handicap.

If there are any tournament formats or competitions where the NNGA will limit a playing handicap to a number below the Maximum Playing Handicap, the exact handicap stipulations for those events will be available to view on the tournament registration page.

PERFORMANCE ADJUSTMENTS: The NNGA Tournament Committee reserves the right to adjust the Playing Handicap of any competitor in current or future competitions.