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## HOLE-BY-HOLE POSTING UPDATE

Dear Player,

As the golf season approaches we are entering the final implementation phase for the World Handicap System (WHS) in our region, which will also be used by golfers all around the world.

The implementation of the World Handicap System will bring the need for accurate score adjustments for all players for Maximum Hole Score. As such, Golf Ontario is making one administration change for Public Players as part of this process, we will be changing the nature of how scores are entered into the Golf Canada Score Centre to HBH (Hole by Hole) only. It is and has been the player's responsibility to enter their scores accurately into the Score Centre, this will not change going forward.

In addition, posting HBH will help ensure this is the case as each hole score will automatically be adjusted for Net Double Bogey (our new method to adjust scores for handicap purposes called: Maximum Hole Score). This administrative change will commence April 15, 2020 with the start of our Active Handicap Season.

With the World Handicap System, HBH score posting ensures that;

- 1. You receive a more accurate adjustment for your score for Net Double Bogey (maximum hole score), and the calculation of your Handicap Index.**
- 2. You have access to more personal statistics on your game, such as: the number of pars, birdies, bogeys made, as well as other optional statistics like fairways hit, sand saves and green hits.**
- 3. You help provide insight to your club about factual hole by hole difficulty ranking.**

Of those who attended our fall World Handicap System educational seminars, over half surveyed said they would be using the HBH method to post scores at their club. This included over 30 facilities who will also be making the change for their membership this April. Approximately twenty percent of all golfers carrying a Handicap Index post their scores HBH already. We estimate that entering a HBH score will take an additional 16-17 keystrokes, and about twenty seconds. After the unadjusted HBH score has been submitted the Score Centre adjusts the score for you (using Net Double Bogey) if necessary. This will save you from having to manually adjust your own scores going forward.

We are excited to be launching this new entry method as it supports what we strive for, providing the services for our golfers and facilities that help assist us all in the game we love. There is no change required on your end other than simply entering your score HBH. This transition will be smooth and beneficial to golfers at every level. We look forward to making this season the best one yet.

For more information on maximum Hole Score, Net Double Bogey and the WHS, please check our handicapping resource centre here: <https://gao.ca/golfer-resources/about->

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Thanking you in advance,

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