

Rule prior to the 2024 Revision: The Handicap Committee at a golf club is strongly encouraged to conduct a handicap review at least annually for all members. There are lists of considerations and reports available to assist Handicap Committees with identifying players who may need an adjustment, however, it is up to the Committee to determine if, and how much, the adjustment should be.

Rule change for the 2024 Revision: Along with the introduction of additional reporting tools, USGA handicap administration software will include enhanced capabilities including the ability for the software to produce recommended actions for the Handicap Committee.

- The enhanced handicap review tools:
 - Identify abnormalities within a player's scoring record, including the ability to identify players who are frequently scoring above, or below, their expected scoring range, and
 - Make a recommended adjustment to the Handicap Index® of each player identified. The minimum adjustment recommended is 1 stroke, up or down. An adjustment above 3 strokes should only be made under unusual circumstances.

Reasons for change:

- By introducing these new data-driven tools, Handicap Committees have the ability add more objectivity and consistency to the Handicap Review process.
- The updated tools include notifications, which allow Handicap Committees to become aware if a Handicap Review indicates a player's Handicap Index no longer reflects their demonstrated ability.
- With more players than ever joining "e-clubs" and the USGA/AGA Community, these reporting tools assist Handicap Committees at clubs where traditional peer review is more difficult to carry out.
- These tools will not replace, but rather enhance the human element that exists today – and the role of the Handicap Committee is still critical to the integrity of the World Handicap System™.