



Handicap Adjustments in relation to Disqualified Scores (CONGU Unified Handicapping System, Appendix P)

Clause 17.1(c) of the UHS provides that a Player Handicap Record shall include *Disqualified Scores*.

The following are examples where scores shall be corrected for handicap purposes following **disqualification** from the competition by the Committee in charge.

The corrected score may be within the player's *Buffer Zone* or qualify for a handicap reduction. Otherwise an increase in *Exact Handicap* of 0.1 shall be applied.

To accept a *Disqualified Score* as a 'correct score' the Committee must verify the score in such manner as it shall deem appropriate. All penalty strokes shall be included in the score for handicap purposes.

When a *Disqualified Score* has been so accepted as a *Qualifying Score* before the last card has been returned to the Committee, the corrected score shall be included in the calculation of the *Competition Scratch Score*. Otherwise for *Competition Scratch Score* purposes the card shall be regarded as a 'No Return'.

Rule No.	Nature of Breach	Action	Note
3-2	Failure to hole out in stroke play.	Adjust score for hole at which offence occurred under Clause 19. (Stableford / Nett Double Bogey Adjustment)	1
3-3	Doubt as to procedure – failure to inform Committee of procedure adopted.	If correct score can be ascertained – accept for handicap, failing which adjust under Clause 19. (Stableford / Nett Double Bogey Adjustment)	
6-2(b)	Handicap on card too high.	Adjust handicap to provide a correct score.	
6-6(b)	Card not signed by player or marker.	Score acceptable unless marker had a valid reason not to sign card.	2
6-6(b)	Undue delay in returning scorecard.	Score acceptable.	
6-6(d)	Score entered on card on a hole is lower than actual score.	Accept adjusted score unless breach premeditated.	2
11-4	Play from outside of teeing ground not corrected.	Adjust score under Clause 19. (Stableford / Nett Double Bogey Adjustment)	1



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15-3(b)	Play of wrong ball not corrected.	Adjust score under Clause 19. (Stableford / Nett Double Bogey Adjustment)	1
20-7(c)	Serious breach of ball played from wrong place not corrected.	Adjust score under Clause 19. (Stableford / Nett Double Bogey Adjustment)	1
20-7(c)	Play of second ball not reported to the Committee.	If correct score can be ascertained – accept for handicap purposes, failing which adjust under Clause 19. (Stableford / Nett Double Bogey Adjustment)	

The following are situations when the player has been **disqualified**, where a score **shall not** be regarded as a correct score. The score shall be regarded as a 'No Return' and a handicap increase of 0.1 shall be applied to the *Exact Handicap*.

Rule No.	Nature of Breach	Action	Note
1-2	Exerting undue influence on ball – serious breach.	Not acceptable.	
1-3	Agreement to waive rule.	Not acceptable.	
3-4	Refusal to comply with a Rule(s) of Golf.	Not acceptable.	2
4-1, 4-2, 4-3	Use of non-conforming clubs.	Not acceptable.	
4-4(c)	Excess club not declared out of play.	Not acceptable.	
5-1	Golf ball not on conforming list (when required as a condition of the competition).	Not acceptable.	
5-2	Playing characteristics of ball changed.	Not acceptable.	
6-3	Player failing to start at the correct time and returning a score.	Not acceptable.	
6-4	Employing more than one caddie.	Not acceptable.	
6-7	Undue delay (repeated offence).	Not acceptable.	2
6-8	Discontinuance of play, unless reason for	Not acceptable.	2



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	discontinuance acceptable to Committee.		
7-1	Practice before or between rounds.	Not acceptable.	
11-1	Use of non-conforming tee.	Not acceptable.	
14-3	Use of artificial device, unusual equipment or unusual use of equipment.	Not acceptable. (An exception is the use of a distance measuring device as provided by a Local Rule).	
22-1	Ball assisting play (if Committee determines competitor has agreed not to lift a ball that might assist another player).	Not acceptable.	
33-7	Disqualification penalty imposed by Committee.	Not acceptable.	

A *Disqualified Score* shall be entered into the Player Handicap Record.

Note 1:

As a general principle, if a score would have been acceptable under Stableford conditions it should, whenever possible, be acceptable for handicap purposes in Stroke Play following Clause 19 adjustment for any hole where the player has either failed to hole out, or failed to produce a score that satisfied the *Rules of Golf*.

Note 2:

If the offence has any possible premeditation element or, could have adversely affected the play of a fellow competitor, the score should normally be regarded as a 'No Return'.