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To Cordova Bay Men's Club members:

Re: Tournament Point System (updated)

The Men's Club Board of Directors adopted the Tournament Point System (TPS) to make Men's Club tournaments at Cordova Bay as fair as possible for all participants. The TPS was formally implemented in January 2017. The TPS (see accompanying attachment for a detailed description) will create "tournament handicaps" for a very small number of Men's Club members whose winning play in tournaments consistently defies the odds associated with their handicaps based on both casual and tournament play. In this updated system, those with the top six (was five previously) low net scores in each of the designated tournaments each year will accrue points. If sufficient points are accumulated, they will generate a reduction in a member's course handicap for future designated tournaments.

Information about net results in past tournaments is already available to Men's Club members online.

The TPS does not affect a member's Golf Handicap Index. A TPS adjustment applies only to the member's course handicap for one or more designated tournaments. It does not apply to casual rounds and other tournaments outside these designated tournaments.

It is undoubtedly true that some golfers play their best in the competitive atmosphere of tournaments. The flip side to that argument is that they are playing to their true potential in those tournaments. Given that the purpose of the handicap system is to provide a measure of the true potential of a golfer (which is why your handicap is based on your 8 best of your last 20 scores), it follows that golfers who consistently place among low net winners in tournaments are not playing to their true potential in casual play. Consequently, their handicap based primarily on casual play does not reflect their overall potential.

Past Men's Club Committee members David Greer and Steve Mullen analyzed the results of 2014 and 2015 tournaments at Cordova Bay demonstrated that the scores of some repeat net winners were improbably low based on their handicaps. Their investigation was triggered in part by some members' concerns about apparent anomalies in the results of moneyed tournaments with frequent repeat winners in net competition. The 2020 Men's Club Executive agrees with the continued need and update of the TPS.

We hope introduction of the TPS will encourage even more members to participate in tournament play at Cordova Bay. If you have any concerns or unanswered questions, kindly contact the undersigned.

Paul Snider, Cordova Bay Men's Club Captain

APPENDIX

Cordova Bay Men's Golf Club

AN OVERVIEW OF THE TOURNAMENT POINT SYSTEM (TPS)

Background

- While it is true that some golfers play better in competition than in everyday casual play, most do not score as well in competition as they do in casual rounds. Some competitors often finish near the top in tournament play yet never seem to play well enough to have their handicap automatically reduced under Section 10-3 of the Golf Canada Handicap Manual (exceptional rounds in tournament play).
- In this context, the Cordova Bay Men's Golf Club has decided to implement the Knuth Tournament Point System (TPS) as an additional measure of fairness and equity.
- The TPS was developed by Dean Knuth, past Senior Director of the US Golf Association, who also developed the USGA slope and course rating system (used world-wide) and the handicapping system. More information about Dean Knuth and the TPS may be found on his website: <http://www.popeofslope.com>.
- The TPS provides a non-arbitrary way to adjust handicaps for members whose tournament success consistently defies the odds, according to their handicaps based on all entered scores. The TPS addresses only performance in the designated tournaments over a two-year period and will affect only a small number of members.
- The "designated" tournaments at Cordova Bay include the Bay Classic, Spring Classic, Seniors Championship, Club Championship (Stroke Play) and Last Chance. Any tournament that is individual Stableford, stroke play or medal play offered by the CB Men's Club will be tracked under TPS. These are the same tournaments that require all participants to enter a "T" (tournament) score in the handicap system.

How the Tournament Point System Works

Under the updated TPS, points are assigned to the best six NET finishers in each designated tournament requiring entry of a "tournament score (T)".

Starting in 2020,

Points are assigned as follows:

Tournament Position (NET)	Points Assigned
1 st	6
2 nd	5
3 rd	4
4 th	3
5 th	2
6 th	1

Points are applied as follows:

Total Points Accumulated	Tournament Handicap Reduction
6 points	1 stroke
7 or 8 Points	2 strokes
9 or 10 Points	3 strokes
11 or 12 Points	4 strokes
13 or 14 Points	5 strokes
15 or more Points	6 strokes

- Once a player accumulates six points during the two-year period prior to a designated tournament, his course handicap for subsequent designated tournaments will be reduced by one or more strokes, as stated above
- If he accumulates additional points during the two-year period, his course handicap will be further reduced according to the above table.
- Conversely, if his points fall below six during the two-year period, the reduction of his handicap under TPS is then eliminated.
- The points are calculated on a 24-month rolling basis. The rolling calendar will adjust at the completion of each designated tournament. For example, a tournament played in 2018 will no longer count in the formula once that event is completed in 2020, even if the dates of those events do not exactly match up. Any points associated with that specific 2018 event will be dropped.
- If that member's handicap index has been previously been adjusted by the Golf Canada handicap system due to "exceptional rounds in tournament play (R)", that will be taken into account in implementing a TPS reduction to the member's handicap. For example, if a member's handicap index has been adjusted automatically by the handicap system from an

18.3 to a 17.3R (one stroke adjustment); and the TPS system requires a 2 stroke adjustment, the net adjustment for the designated tournament would be 1 stroke ... (i.e.) 2 strokes (TPS) minus 1 stroke (Golf Canada) = 1 stroke .

- In short, a TPS reduction does not affect a member's Golf Canada Handicap Index. It applies only to the five designated tournaments run by the Men's Club, has no relevance for casual play, and is based solely and automatically on the number of points accumulated in net finishes in designated tournaments over the previous 24 months.

Members may request an explanation of their handicap reduction from the Chairman of the Handicap Committee. Keep in mind, the formula is entirely mathematical and objective, resulting in no basis for appeal.

The Handicap Committee will continue to monitor posting of scores in other tournaments and casual play, in keeping with its responsibilities under the Golf Canada Handicap Manual to ensure the integrity of the handicap system.