

## Safeguards have been added under the World Handicap System

### Safeguard #1 Playing Conditions Calculation

A daily Playing Conditions Calculation compares actual scores made at each course to the expected scores of the players who made them. If the scores are significantly higher or lower than expected, an automatic adjustment is applied to the score differential calculation of those who played that day.

The range of the PCC is -1.0 to +3.0		
A <b>0.0</b> adjustment means the course played as expected	A <b>-1.0</b> adjustment means the course played easier	A <b>+1.0, +2.0, or +3.0</b> adjustment means the course played more difficult


Notes: The PCC is conservative and will result in **0.0** on most days.


If an adjustment is made, it will be clearly identified in the player's scoring record.

### Safeguard #2 Limit on Extreme Upward Movement

Each time a player's Handicap Index updates, the new value is compared to the player's Low Handicap Index from the past year and:

(Note\* The Golf Canada Score Center completes this behind the scene)

If a 3.0 stroke increase takes place:	
A soft cap will slow additional upward movement by 50%	

If a 5.0 stroke increase takes place (after the soft cap is applied):	
A hard cap will prevent any additional upward movement	

### Safeguard #3 Exceptional Scores

An **Exceptional Score Reduction** will be applied **automatically** when a player submits a score that produces a score differential **7.0 strokes** or better than their Handicap Index at the time the round was played:

Score Diff. Relative to Handicap Index	-7.0-9.9	-10.0+
Extra adjustment to Handicap Index	-1.0	-2.0

Notes: The **-1.0** or **-2.0** adjustment is applied to each of the most recent 20 score differentials in the player's scoring record.

Future scores will not contain the **-1.0** or **-2.0** adjustment, allowing the reduction to play itself out of the scoring record.