Handicap Review Notification and Appeal Process

Understanding the two paths available to golf clubs authorized to use the World Handicap System™ in the United States

Handicap Review Notice to Members

Handicap Committee informs members of their club's Handicap Review process.

This includes club-wide review at least once every 365 days, plus individual reviews as needed.

A golf club is strongly encouraged to decide which path best fits their needs and use it consistently throughout the season. Switching between Path 1 and Path 2 is not recommended.

Handicap Review is Run Committee Action The Handicap Committee determines whether to apply recommended Handicap Index® adjustments. Path 2 Path 1 Player is informed **before** any Player is made aware by "M" adjustment being applied and (e.g., 16.3M) next to the Handicap Index provided the opportunity to respond after adjustment is applied. to Handicap Committee. **Appeals Procedure** Player will have access to an appeals procedure which includes the timeframe for appeal After the timeframe has passed (USGA recommendation 5-10 days), the The player with an adjusted Handicap Handicap Committee decides whether Index can appeal within the timeframe to apply the Handicap Index provided by the Handicap Committee adjustment. (USGA recommendation 5-10 days), which will be reviewed on a If applied, the adjustment will then be case-by-case basis. reflected in the player's Handicap Index

Summary and Notes:

- Path 1 is consistent with the Rules of Handicapping™.
- · Path 2 is approved by the USGA as a practical option with use of the USGA Handicap Review Tool.
- The key difference is what constitutes "notification." With either path, the player must have access to an appeals procedure. Your local AGA can provide an appeal form to share with members.

