



**CYPRUS GOLF FEDERATION**  
**HANDICAPS, RULES & COURSE RATING COMMITTEE**

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To All Club Managers and Competition Secretaries,

It has become apparent that some players of all handicap indexes are manipulating their scores to gain an unfair advantage against their peers. The CGF will not tolerate this type of manipulation (Cheating). The R&A along with the USGA have released the following :

***“The World Handicap System (WHS) is designed to make golf fairer, but it has faced criticism for being susceptible to manipulation. Some golfers are accused of deliberately inflating/deflating their handicaps through inaccurate general play scores, gaining an unfair advantage in competitions. The R&A has acknowledged this issue and launched a campaign to address handicap manipulation, emphasising that deliberate rule breaches are unacceptable and constitute cheating.”***

A player using the system to knowingly increase or decrease his/her Hcp Index is simply cheating, and brings the integrity of the game into question, something which cannot and will not be tolerated.

Presently the CGF are monitoring EDS cards randomly. However, we are not in a position to know each individual player and his/her abilities on the course. As the Clubs are in a much better position in this respect, we ask all Comp Secs to monitor their own Club Members extra day scores. This may take us back to the system before the WHS was introduced, but it seems the only way to keep a close eye on the scores submitted.

Comp Secs are also asked that they make it mandatory for players in their Club who wish to complete an EDS, to pre-register their intention to do so, in an EDS Pre-Registration Book (hard copy) with the date, time and the marker for the score.

The CGF are working closely with Datagolf to introduce a system where NO Extra day score card will be published until the golf Club (Comp Sec) has approved it. We believe this is the only way forward. As and when it's developed all Golf Clubs will be given instructions on how to proceed.

It will be the Clubs responsibility to deal with appeals from any members that feel they are being treated unjustly. In such a case, an investigation should be carried out by the club's Handicap Committee and any evidence/subject matter obtained is to be made available to the aggrieved member. If the member is not happy with the Committee's decision, then he/she has the right to appeal to the CGF. The CGF's decision will be final.

Club Managers , Comp Secs are asked to post this on their notice boards and send this email to all their members.

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