

Richter Park Men's Club Handicap Adjustment Policy

In an effort to maintain a fair and equitable handicapping system, the Board of the Richter Park Men's Club has adopted the following policy with regard to manual adjustment of individual player handicaps.

*There is no specified body of evidence required of an "accusing" fellow member in order to affect a penalty on a fellow "accused" player. Rather, it is the responsibility of the "accusing" member to provide sufficient evidence against an "accused" member to cause an agreeing unanimous vote. The accusing member must present their evidence to the board at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The board will endeavor to allow sufficient time to any accusing member to make their presentation.

*No penalty will be greater than a 50% adjustment (up or down) of the current USGA index number. It is the intent of the policy to impose penalties generally in the range of 20%. Any adjustment will be made to the scorecard of the player in the event(s) to which the penalty applies. No adjustment will be made to the GHIN system.

*Any penalty imposed on a player needs unanimous approval of all board members voting at a monthly meeting of the board. The board President has no vote. The only exception to the unanimous vote is in the case where a board member is partnered with a player under penalty consideration. In that case, the "partnered" board member has no vote.

*Penalty is in effect until voted by the board to be lifted. The vote to lift the penalty needs only a simple majority. Failure to reach a simple majority means the penalty stays in effect until the next monthly meeting. The board President will have no vote in the initial "lifting" procedure vote; his vote will act as the tiebreaker.

*To appeal a decision, the impacted player can appear at any regularly scheduled monthly board meeting to make an appeal for penalty lifting. After the appeal evidence is presented by the impacted player, the board will vote in accordance with above vote to lift the penalty procedure. Until the appeal hearing and subsequent vote occurs, the penalty applies.