

### 5.9 Submission of an Exceptional Score

When an *exceptional score* is posted to a player's *scoring record*, the *Handicap Index* will be reduced in accordance with the following adjustment table:

Number of strokes the <i>Score Differential</i> is lower than a player's <i>Handicap Index</i> in effect when the round was played	<i>Exceptional score</i> reduction
7.0 - 9.9	-1.0
10.0 or more	-2.0

- A reduction can be applied based on a single *exceptional score*.
- Reductions for multiple *exceptional scores* are applied cumulatively.
- A reduction is automatically applied within the calculation of a player's updated *Handicap Index* following the submission of an *exceptional score*.
- A reduction for an *exceptional score* is applied by adjusting each of the most recent 20 *Score Differentials* recorded in the player's *scoring record*, which includes the *exceptional score*. As a result, the impact of the reduction will remain after the next score is submitted but will dilute over time as new scores are submitted.

Where there are fewer than 20 *Score Differentials* in a player's *scoring record* at the time an *exceptional score* is submitted, the reduction is applied by adjusting all of the *Score Differentials* recorded in the player's *scoring record*, which includes the *exceptional score*.

- Additional *handicap review* notifications will be generated for the *Handicap Committee's* consideration, when:
  - Multiple *exceptional score* reductions are applied to a player's *Handicap Index*.
  - A *Score Differential* is 10.0 strokes or more below a player's *Handicap Index* in effect when that round was played and an *exceptional score* reduction of -2.0 is triggered.
- The *Handicap Committee* is permitted to override any adjustment for an *exceptional score* if it considers that the adjustment would result in a player's *Handicap Index* not being a fair reflection of their demonstrated ability (see Rule 7.1a).

(See Diagram 5.9.)

## Rule 5

**DIAGRAM 5.9: APPLICATION OF AN ADJUSTMENT FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL SCORE**

