



2020 NCGA Weekend Net Tour Handicap Review Policy

Overview:

To continue our goal of promoting fair play among NCGA members of all handicap index levels, in 2020, the Weekend Net Tour is introducing an additional measure, based on the Knuth handicap system. This system measures a player's performance relative to the field, not just to their handicap index. A player's handicap index is then adjusted based on the given criteria (below).

How Does it Work?

The new WNT system will award points for a competitor/team's performance. Points will be issued for a Top-10 finish, including ties*, in all events. In team events, both players receive the full point value for their finish. Points will be awarded as follows:

1 st place	-	10 points
2 nd place	-	9 points
3 rd place	-	8 points
4 th place	-	7 points
5 th place	-	6 points
6 th place	-	5 points
7 th place	-	4 points
8 th place	-	3 points
9 th place	-	2 points
10 th place	-	1 point

*Ties receive full points (i.e. if 3 are tied for 3rd place, they all receive 8 points)

Players will accumulate points over the entire season. Once a player reaches 30 Points, that may trigger an automatic reduction to their handicap index. If a player's handicap index has **decreased by 20%** from the playing of their 1st WNT event this season, they may or may not be reduced further. If the player's handicap index has **not decreased by at least 20%** from their 1st event this season, their index may be reduced a minimum of 20% (as of their 1st event). A player's handicap index may be reduced more than 20% depending on their tournament scores (subject to review by WNT handicap committee). This system seeks to identify when a player continues to "outperform" the field without having an appropriate decline in their handicap index.

In addition to this system, WNT participants are still subject to review at any time during the season based on their performance, according to the following metrics:

Identification of Scores:

The identification of a competitor's tournament handicap record will be based on the following table. ***However, the WNT Handicap Committee also reserves the right to review and modify a player's handicap based on exceptional scores (i.e. how much they beat their handicap index by), regardless of how many times the player has beaten their current handicap index.**

<i>Times outperforming differential (# of WNT scores better than current index)</i>	<i># of Events played</i>
3	≤7
4	≤10
5	≤13
6	≤15
7	≤18
8	≤20
Continue with ~40% of scores ratio	

Implementation of Modified Handicap:

If a player's handicap index has been modified, they will be notified by the WNT Handicap Committee and have the opportunity to appeal the decision. If the decision is upheld, the modified handicap index value will be used for all Weekend Net Tour play until the Handicap Committee deems appropriate. **Note:** Once a player's handicap index has been modified, any WNT events they play in will be at the modified index value, even if awaiting appeal ruling.

Why are we doing this?

Competitors can expect an official handicap review policy to govern play in this series of events. This policy has been established NOT to identify any competitor as a "cheater or sandbagger," but to identify when a competitor has outperformed their handicap index and/or the rest of the field at any point in WNT events to level the playing field. Any player who outperforms their index in a WNT event is subject to their handicap being reviewed and possibly modified immediately. For example, if a player posts a net 66 in an event on Saturday and is scheduled to compete in a WNT event on Sunday, his/her handicap will not be modified for the next day's event. It will however be modified for their next eligible event.