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## WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

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Dear Dan,

Golf courses in Connecticut are now allowed to open **subject to restrictions**. Our greatest concern continues to be the well-being of everyone involved, and it is imperative that golfers follow the advice of our government health officials and other leaders.

The active season for **score posting in Connecticut begins April 1st**. Scores played in Connecticut before April 1st are ineligible for handicap purposes and should not be posted to the handicap system.

The USGA has issued a [general update](#) on Covid-19 and [guidance as it relates to Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping](#).

A few specific guidelines have been summarized, below.

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### **MODIFICATIONS TO THE HOLE; NOT REQUIRING THAT PLAYERS HOLE OUT**

*Provided guidance from health and governmental officials is being followed, a temporary measure is in place within the United States to accept scores played under these conditions for handicap purposes using the [most likely score guidelines](#), even though the player has not holed out. If the ball lies on the putting green, no more than 5 feet from the hole, add 1 additional stroke.*

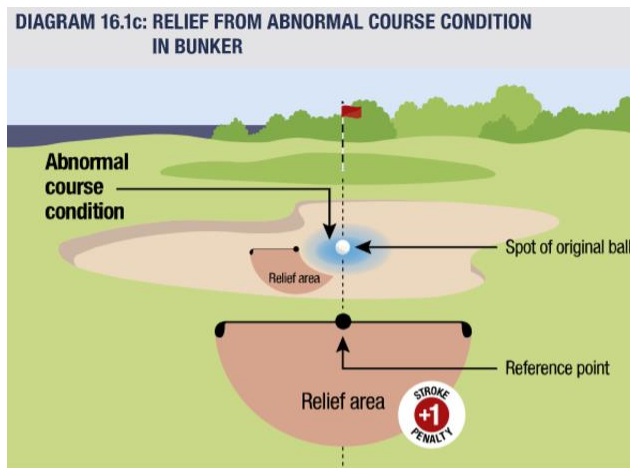


## BUNKERS AND BUNKER RAKES

By removing rakes from the course, the Committee has various options as to how best to address the likely possibility of a player's ball coming to rest in an unmaintained area of sand.

- It is advisable to encourage that players try their best to smooth the disturbed area with a foot or a club.
- Disturbed areas in bunkers may be treated as **ground under repair**. This would allow a player free relief from such areas, but would require such relief to be taken elsewhere within the bunker. An additional available option is to take relief outside the bunker for one penalty stroke. Relief options are illustrated below.

### 16.1 Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Ground Under Repair) c Relief for Your Ball in Bunker



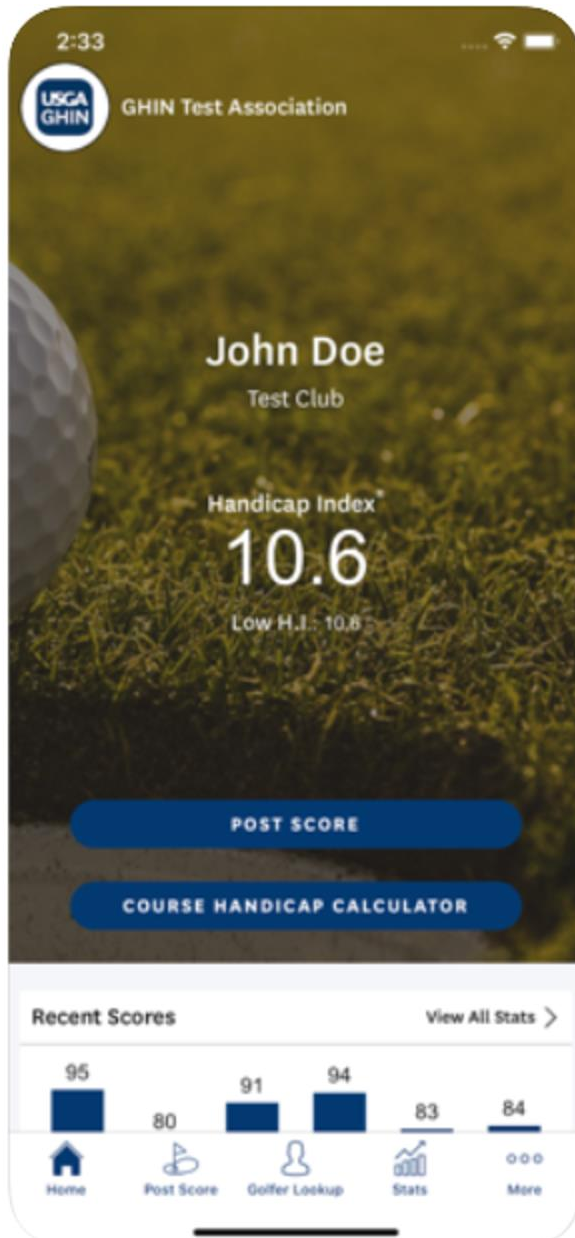
The diagram assumes a right-handed player. When there is interference from an abnormal course condition in a bunker, free relief may be taken in the bunker under Rule 16.1b.

Relief may be taken outside the bunker for one penalty stroke. Relief outside the bunker is based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the spot of the original ball in the bunker.

Reference Point	Size of Relief Area	Limits on Relief Area
A point on the course outside the bunker chosen by the player that is on the reference line and is farther from the hole than the original spot (with no limit on how far back on the line)	One club-length from the reference point	The relief area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and</li> <li>• May be in any area of the course</li> </ul>

**Player Notes:**

In choosing this reference point, you should indicate the point by using an object (such as a tee).



GHIN Mobile App

## POSTING SCORES

It is recommended that golfers take advantage of posting hole-by-hole scores via the GHIN Mobile App when our active season begins on April 1st. Enter gross scores and the app will automatically adjust any hole scores to a maximum of Net Double Bogey where applicable.

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You may also post scores at [GHIN.com](https://www.ghin.com).

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If a Committee takes any of the above actions, it is at the discretion of the Committee whether scores would be acceptable for handicap purposes. It is recommended that golf course operators and committees communicate their club's adopted guidelines to their golfers.

It is not the intended purpose of the above guidance to either encourage or discourage anyone from playing the game, but rather, to help golf course operators, committees and

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golfers better understand how the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping apply to various questions received.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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