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Treatment of Scores When 10 to 17 Holes Are Played

Rule prior to the 2024 Revision: When 10 to 13 holes are played, scores made on holes 10 through 13 are discarded and a 9-hole Score Differential™ is created from the scores on the 9 holes played. When 14-17 holes are played, net par is used for the remaining holes not played to allow an 18-hole Score Differential to be created.

<u>Rule change for the 2024 Revision:</u> When 10-17 holes are played, a Score Differential will be created based on the holes played, and the player's expected Score Differential for the number of remaining holes will be added to that value to produce an 18-hole Score Differential.

- > To facilitate this change, when a player plays between 10-17 holes, they will be required to post their scores using the hole-by-hole option. This allows a Score Differential to be calculated based on the specific holes that were played, which is then combined with the player's expected score for the number of holes not played.
 - Net par will still be available for limited use where practical, and at the discretion of the Handicap or Competition Committee, however, expected score will be used as the default position for holes not played.

Reasons for change:

- Prior to 2024, scores made on holes 10-13 are discarded if fewer than 14 holes are played. This change adds flexibility by allowing scores made on those holes to be retained and used to create an 18-hole Score Differential.
- > By replacing net par with the use of a player's expected score to produce an 18-hole Score Differential, players will see more equity and consistency. This is because the expected score for a player is not course-specific or reliant upon the course's stroke index allocation.

