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# MEMORANDUM

**To:** British Columbia Golf Members, Member Clubs,  
Member Club Captains, Member Club Handicap Committees &  
Zones Committees  
**CC:** British Columbia Golf Board of Directors &  
Kris Jonasson, Executive Director

**From:** Susan White, British Columbia Golf Director of  
Rules, Competitions & Education

**Subject:** Preferred Lies & Active Season – Posting Scores

The active season for posting scores made on golf courses in British Columbia is from March 1st to November 15th. This is the season that is set by the provincial golf association in which clubs may open their handicap system or “computer” for the posting of scores played on BC Courses. It is up to your club to determine if your course conditions are such that the posting of scores is acceptable.

Before November 15<sup>th</sup> your course conditions may become less than perfect. Your club committee may determine that it is time to play “preferred lies” a.k.a “winter rules”, and still keep the books open for the posting of scores for handicap purposes.



When conditions at your course may become so adverse the effective playing length of the course cannot be maintained, your committee may close your books for the posting of scores in advance of the November 15<sup>th</sup> date. This could be for the season or for a shorter period of time, if conditions are expected to improve.

The committee charged with making the determination should examine the variables that have an impact on the effective playing length of your course. Sometime this may be maintained by moving tees forward. However, there may be a point in time that the effective playing length cannot be maintained and they should close your books for posting.

If your committee determines to adopt a local rule for “preferred lies”, they will find a specimen local rule in The Rules of Golf (Appendix I, Part B Specimen Local Rule 4c).

For more information, please contact your Handicap Committee or British Columbia Golf.