

Rule 6-6 (d) – Wrong Score for Hole
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6-6 (d) WRONG SCORE FOR HOLE

The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his score card. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he is disqualified. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned stands.

Note 1: The Committee is responsible for the addition of scores and application of the handicap recorded on the score card – see Rule 33-5.

Note 2: In four-ball stroke play, see also Rule 31-3 and 31-7(a).

6-6a/3 Hole scores entered in wrong boxes; marker corrects error by altering hole numbers on card:

Q: In stroke play, a marker recorded some of the competitor's hole scores in the wrong boxes. He altered the hole numbers on the card to correct the error. Should the card be accepted?

A: **YES**

6-6a/6 Requirement that alteration on score card be initialled

Q: May a Committee require that alterations made on score cards be initialled?

A: **NO.** Nothing is laid down in the Rules of Golf as to how alterations should be made on a score card.

6-6b/1 Competitor and marker sign score card in wrong places

There is no penalty if a marker signs the competitor's score card in the space provided for the competitor's signature, and the competitor then signs in the space provided for the marker's signature.

6-6b/2 Competitor records initials in space reserved for signature

Q: Instead of recording his usual signature on his score card, a competitor records his initials. Has the competitor met the requirements of Rule 6-6b?

A: **YES.**

6-6d/1 No score entered for one hole but total correct

Q: In stroke play, a player returned his score card. The Committee discovered that no score had been entered for the 17th hole; however the total score for the round as recorded on the card and on his markers card was correct. What is the ruling?

A: He **should be disqualified** for a breach of Rule 6-6d.

6-6d/2 Total score recoded by competitor incorrect

Q: In stroke play, a competitor returns his score card to the Committee. The hole by hole scores are correct, but the competitor records a total score which is one stroke lower than his actual total score. Is the competitor subject to penalty?

A: **NO.** The competitor is responsible only for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole (Rule 6-6d). The Committee is responsible for the addition of scores (Rule 33-5). If the competitor records a wrong total score, the Committee must correct the error, without penalty to the competitor.

6-6d/3 Hole scores for the first nine holes recorded in boxes for second nine and vice versa

Q: A competitor who started at the 10th hole returns a card with scores for the first nine holes recorded in the boxes for the second nine holes, and vice versa. Should he be disqualified since the scores for some holes were lower than actually taken?

A: **YES.**