
WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

TO: WMGA MEMBERSHIP
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SUBJECT: POSTING SCORES
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Our Tournament Schedule Book states "All scores from WMGA tournaments, including Team Matches, **must** be posted into GHIN." Handicaps must be computed in accordance with the current USGA Handicap System

For team matches, the team captains should ask each player to post their scores after each match. To be eligible to participate in 2018 WMGA tournaments, a player should have posted a minimum of six 18-hole scores in the previous 12 months prior to the closing date of the event to be entered. Scores from all WMGA stroke play tournaments must be posted as "T" scores. Team Match scores should **not** be posted as "T" scores.

Shown below are some guidelines from the USGA that will help a player better understand "how to" post a score. Please adhere to these guidelines plus you can always ask your PGA club professional for assistance.

Look forward to seeing everyone on the course.

Guidelines on How to Post a Score

Adjusting Hole Scores:

The game of golf is based on the premise that a player will play as well as the player can play. Under the USGA Handicap System, each player is required to record a hole score for a hole not finished, not played, or not played under *"The Rules of Golf,"* and to reduce any hole score when it is higher than the maximum number allowed under Equitable Stroke Control.

Unfinished Holes and Conceded Strokes:

A player who starts, but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke must record for handicap purposed the most likely score. The most likely score may not exceed the player's Equitable Stroke Control limit. This most likely score should be preceded by an "X."

There is no limit to the number of unfinished holes a player may have in a round, provided that failure to finish is not for the purpose of handicap manipulation.

Holes Not Played or Not Played Under The Rules of Golf:

If a player does not play a hole or plays it other than under *"The Rules of Golf"* (except for preferred lies), the score recorded for that hole for handicap purposes must be par plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on that hole. The hole score, when recorded, should be preceded by an "X."

Equitable Stroke Control:

All scores for handicap purposes, including tournament scores, are subject to the application of Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). This mandatory procedure reduces high hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability.

A handicap determined from scores to which ESC has not been applied may not be termed a Handicap Index.

ESC is used when a player's actual or most likely score exceeds a maximum number, based on the table below, for the player's Course handicap from the tees played.

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

Course Handicap	Maximum Number of Any Hole
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

Acceptability of Scores:

Fair handicapping depends upon full and accurate information regarding a player's potential scoring ability as reflected by a complete scoring record. Every player must be responsible for returning all acceptable scores. For handicap purposes, all adjustments listed above, including ESC, must be applied to all scores including tournament scores.

- **Scores To Post**
If 13 or more holes are played, the player must post an 18-hole score. If 7 to 12 holes are played, the player must post a nine-hole score.
 - **Scores on All Courses**
Adjusted gross scores from all courses with a USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating made during an active season, both at home and away, must be posted by the player along with the appropriate USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating.
 - **Scores in All Forms of Competition**
Scores in both match play and stroke play must be posted for handicap purposes. This includes scores made in match play, in multi-ball, or in team competitions in which players have not completed one or more holes or in which players are requested to pick up when out of contention on a hole.
 - **Scores Made under the Rules of Golf**
Scores must be made in accordance with the principles of the Rules of Golf.
 - **Disqualification**
A player who is disqualified from a competition, but has an acceptable score, must record an adjusted gross score for handicap purposes. For example, a player who is disqualified from a competition for failure to sign a scorecard has an acceptable score for handicap purposes.
 - **“T” Scores**
Only scores from stroke play tournaments must be posted as “T” scores.
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