

Highland Hills Men's Golf Association

Handicap Policies and Procedures

A current and accurate Handicap is required to participate in any competition which is conducted on a Net Strokes basis, or which utilizes Handicaps to pair players.

The Handicap Committee is responsible for ensuring compliance with the obligations under the World Handicap System in accordance with the Rules of Handicapping and the USGA. As a Committee, we will verify that acceptable scores are posted for handicap purposes and made available for peer review. The Handicap Committee will perform random score audits and review members scoring records periodically.

The Handicap Committee provides guidance to club officials and competition committees to establish the Terms of the Competition and to ensure players consistently have the ability to use their Handicap Index to compete, or play recreationally, with anyone else on a fair and equal basis.

The Handicap Committee has, under USGA Guidelines, set forth the following policies and procedures for all members wishing to establish and maintain a Handicap Index with our club.

- **Maintain an active membership on the handicap roster of the club during the active season from March 15 through November 15.**
- **Post all acceptable scores including:**
 - Scores made in match play, stroke play and team competitions where each team member plays their own ball. Do not post scores when play requires a restricted club count (less than 14.)
 - If 14 or more holes are played, an 18-hole score must be posted.
 - If 7 through 13 holes are played, a nine hole score must be posted. This includes Men's League scores.
 - Scores for rounds using "lift clean and place" and under the temporary local rules of "preferred lies" or "leaf rule."
 - Scores made under Rule 3.1 when a player must adjust a hole score for handicapping purposes to be a maximum of net double bogey.
 - Scores made under Rule 3.2 when a hole is not played. Enter a score equal to net par.
 - Scores made under Rule 3.3 when a player does not hole out. In your best and honest judgment, record your score as the most likely you would probably receive and no more than net double bogey. Putts of 5 feet or less length must be counted as one stroke.
 - Scores made if a player is disqualified from a competition but has an acceptable score.
 - Scores made when played by the Rules of Golf.
 - Scores made when played on a course during its active season.
 - Scores made in the company of at least one other person.

- **Each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round.**
- **Each player has the responsibility to participate in peer review of fellow players' scores.**
- **Scores are to be posted prior to midnight on the same day of play using one of the following methods:**
 - GHIN Mobile app
 - GHIN.com Website
 - By the Competition's Committee using tournament software

Disciplinary Actions for failure to post or player manipulating their Handicap Index:

1. First failure to post or potential manipulation of your score will result in a verbal warning and a required remedy of the incorrect posting or lack of posting.
2. Second failure will result in a written warning and required remedy of the incorrect posting or lack of posting.
3. Third failure will result in the appropriate penalty score issued for scores not posted which will equal the discernable correct score or lowest score differential score posted in the last 20 rounds.
4. After your fourth failure to post your score or continued manipulation of the scoring record, further disciplinary action will be taken as the Handicap Committee deems fair including the possibility of Handicap Index modification and/or withdrawal.

In Summary

It's simple. Play your best. Accurately post all acceptable scores on the same day of play. Review your fellow players' postings for timeliness and accuracy.

Please direct any questions or concerns to Patrick Beckett, Handicap Chairman at HighlandHillsMGA@outlook.com, or any other Handicap Committee member.

The integrity of the Handicap system is paramount to the enjoyment of golf competition, both casually and formally. This requires that ALL members display and practice integrity in adhering to the rules of the Handicap system.

Highland Hills Men's Golf Association is committed to providing an environment and conditions in which all players may compete and enjoy the game of golf with the feelings of fairness, integrity and camaraderie.

Thank you for assisting the Highland Hills Handicap Committee in making our club more enjoyable and our membership among the most respected in Colorado.

Handicap Committee - Patrick Beckett, Joe Arias, Matt Brighi