

Chehalem Glenn Players Club Handicapping Policy

The following Handicapping and Score Posting Procedures have been in effect beginning in August 2005 at Chehalem Glenn Players Club for all members desiring to have an OGA/USGA Handicap Index. These procedures must be adhered to as part of "Requirements for Compliance" with USGA handicapping standards and for Chehalem Glenn Players Club to maintain membership in the Oregon Golf Association.

We firmly believe that **"A player must earn a USGA Handicap Index. No player has an inherent right to a USGA Handicap Index without providing full evidence of his/her ability to the Handicap Committee at his/her golf club."**

1. A Handicap Committee has been appointed to ensure that the full intent of the USGA Handicap System is followed. Our club meets the USGA "Definition of a Golf Club."
2. **All rounds are to be played in accordance with the principles of the Rules of Golf.** Although "Winter Rules" are not endorsed by the USGA nor the OGA, a written policy has been adopted by this club accepting scores turned in under "Winter Rules" and will be posted for clarification when the weather conditions are adverse enough to warrant such a declaration. **All rounds played under Preferred Lies still must be posted in active season.**
3. Member's scores are to be posted on a GHIN computer located in the Proshop. Please note the Handicap Revision Schedule for the sixteen times (2009) per year that updated handicaps are issued for all clubs in the OGA district. Since the OGA is a seasonal association, there is an active handicapping period and an "off-season" in which local scores are not to be posted to your score history. Please take note of these dates. Handicap cards/stickers are available on revision days at the posting computer and may be printed from the GHIN posting screen.
4. **All eligible scores must be posted to your score history.** See OGA posters "Posting Match Play and Best Ball Scores" and "Unacceptable Scores" for additional clarification. Home scores are to be posted as soon as possible and no later than within two days of the round, and away scores within seven days (it is recommended that you post as a guest at the away courses). **Each golfer is responsible for adjusting their own scores for Equitable Stroke Control and for knowing how to adjust scores for not finishing either a hole or a completed round.** If you find you have made a mistake in posting, please enter it on the "Posting Errors" clipboard and the Handicap Committee will make the correction to your score history as soon as possible.
5. **Peer review is an essential part of the USGA Handicap System and will be in place at all times at this club.** Any other member may freely view members' scores at any time by way of GHIN computer program and inquiries on ghin.com. **The responsibility rests on all of us to keep each other honest! Please point out to your fellow players when they are not observing either the Rules of Golf or the Handicap System. If the player refuses to abide by the proper procedures, do not hesitate to contact the Handicap Committee. We are determined to keep our games fair and can only do so if everyone follows the same code.**

6. **The Handicap Committee has the responsibility for making certain that a player's USGA Handicap Index reflects his/her potential ability.** Therefore, it may be necessary to make adjustments to a member's Handicap Index (by way of a modification up or down for a determined duration) or attach penalty scores due to the following:
- a. Improving faster than the system can react.
 - b. Numerous away scores changing index.
 - c. Temporary disability.
 - d. Failure to post.
 - e. Player manipulating round by: posting erroneous scores, stopping play after 6 holes to avoid posting scores, repeatedly playing more than one ball to avoid posting scores, not adjusting hole scores under Section 4, deliberately reporting more or fewer strokes than actually scored, or deliberately taking extra strokes to inflate a score.

If it is necessary to attach a penalty score, it will be denoted as a "P" score on a member's score history and the member will not be notified. If a modification is due, a letter will be sent to the member describing the infraction and what the adjustment will be to his/her Handicap Index. The member will be invited to respond to the Committee prior to the official adjustment. **If a member fails to meet his/her responsibilities and thereby does not observe the spirit of the USGA Handicap System, the Handicap Committee shall withdraw the member's Handicap Index.**

7. A Tournament Committee has been appointed to administer club events. Certain events listed on the club calendar shall be denoted as "tournaments" and **these rounds will be posted as "T" scores to members' score histories by the Committee, not by the individual golfer.** Tournament performance will be reviewed by the Handicap Committee, and if a golfer has had his/her OGA/USGA Handicap Index reduced for exceptional tournament play the Committee may further reduce or override the reduction after careful evaluation.
8. For new members, the Handicap Committee will make every effort to obtain any previous scoring records available, with corresponding USGA Course and Slope Ratings, so that a continuous history can be maintained. If such a scoring history is unavailable, the new member shall return at least five scores to establish a USGA Handicap Index..

If there are any questions regarding these procedures, please contact Bill Snow, Branden Thompson, or Kyle Hanke for clarification and assistance. Please check the handicap bulletin board for pertinent information from our club, USGA and the OGA throughout the year.

We ask that you assist us in providing equitable and accurate handicaps at our club by complying with all of these policies. Your role is essential in helping to make the game of golf at Chehalem Glenn Golf Course both fair and enjoyable.