

USGA Handicap Annual Notice

USGA Handicap System Section 8-2a (Notice to Members) advises each golf club send an annual notice to its members to outline the USGA Handicap System, to stress the importance of reporting all acceptable scores and to report the Handicap Committee's policies.

Posting Scores: All scores (home or away) must be posted within one week of play in the computer located at the club or via the internet. Scorecards must be adjusted in accordance with the rules of Equitable Stroke Control.

Verifying Handicap Indexes: As required by the USGA Handicap System, the Handicap Committee shall periodically review posted scores, Handicap Indexes, and such other public or private records or information available to it for purposes of verifying Handicap Indexes.

Handicap Index Labels: Handicap Labels may be printed from the computer located at the club.

Handicap Index Revision Schedule: Handicap Indexes are revised every two weeks in accordance with the 2011 Electronic Handicap Revision Schedule published by The Georgia State Golf Association.

Course Handicap Tables: Course Handicap Tables are posted at the computer outside the Pro Shop.

USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating: The USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating for every set of tee-markers are printed on each scorecard.

Handicap Lists and Scoring Records: An official list of Handicap Indexes along with current scoring records of all players are available to all members and may be retrieved from the Handicap Computers in club and on the GHIN system.

Responsibilities of the Handicap Committee

The USGA Handicap System charges the Handicap Committee with the responsibility of making certain that a player's USGA Handicap Index reflects his potential scoring ability. Under the following circumstances it may be necessary for the Handicap Committee to make adjustments to the player's USGA Handicap Index.

- failure to post (**biggest problem**)
- numerous away scores that changes Handicap Index
- player manipulates round (e.g. **does not try to make best score on every hole**)
- temporary disability

- improving faster than the system can react
- exceptional tournament scores

If a player repeatedly fails to meet his responsibilities under the USGA Handicap System, the Handicap Committee may withdraw a player's USGA Handicap Index or make any appropriate adjustment to the player's Handicap Index. Before an adjustment becomes effective or any action is taken, the Handicap Committee shall give the player an opportunity to explain the circumstances surrounding the proposed adjustment, either in writing or by appearing before the Handicap Committee.

Handicap Committee Emphasizes the Following Policies

- **Posting responsibility:** It is the players' responsibility to ensure all their scores are posted.
- **Tournament score posting:** All scores from Tournament rounds, both at BridgeMill and away, are to be posted as "T" scores.
- **Examining Results of Competitions:** The Handicap Committee evaluates the results of every competitor for BMAC tournaments. If an exceptional score is posted, further evaluation of the player's score history is conducted.
- **Other Policies :** The Handicap Committee reserves the right to adopt such policies and procedures to protect and promote the USGA Handicap System.

Communication

Please feel free to contact the Handicap Committee via email at bmachandicap@gmail.com, if you have any questions, concerns or comments.

BridgeMill Athletic Club Handicap Committee

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