

CWGA Golf Club
Handicapping Policies & Procedures
Notice to Members Effective 2026

The Handicap Committee, appointed by officers of our golf club, is responsible for all aspects of the World Handicapping System and the Rules of Handicapping. Our Committee includes a Handicap Chair who has been certified by the Oregon Golf Association. We are obligated and committed to ensure the integrity of each Handicap Index we issue. In the interest of fairness, and because we are compelled by our license with the USGA and The R&A, we will provide education as well as uphold the Rules of Handicapping. While this sounds very serious, these regulations are required so our club can assure equity in our games. More equity equals more fun! CWGA Handicap is Chair, Diane Meyers; Handicap Committee Alice Galloway and Kathi Lewis and Rose Mills.

The Handicap Committee has set forth the following policies and procedures for all members carrying USGA Handicap Indexes:

- Maintain an active membership on the handicap roster of the club.
- Act with integrity by following the *Rules of Handicapping* and to refrain from using, or circumventing, the *Rules of Handicapping* for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage.
- Try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played.
- Post all acceptable scores on the same day the round is played.
- Submit acceptable scores to provide reasonable evidence of their demonstrated ability.
- Play by the Rules of Golf.
- Certify the scores of fellow players.

Acceptable scores are scores played by the rules of golf and the rules of handicapping.

All acceptable scores must be posted using the following method(s):

Random audits will be performed.

- Returning scorecards to the pro shop/scoring committee for posting.
- Posting on the USGA GHIN Phone app.
- Posting on your personal computer through www.ghin.com.
- Posting on a computer at any golf course when playing away.
- When you post your scores, post hole-by-hole.

When we are in active season, scores still must be posted if using Preferred Lies.

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

1. First failure to post or manipulation of your score will result in a verbal warning.
2. Second failure will result in a written warning.
3. Third failure will result in the appropriate penalty round issued for scores not posted.
4. After your fourth failure to post your score or continued manipulation of your scores, further disciplinary action will be taken as the Handicap Chair / Committee deems fair and equitable.

A player must earn a Handicap Index. No player has an inherent right to a Handicap Index without providing full evidence of ability to our club's Handicap Committee. The Committee has the ultimate authority and obligation to adjust or withdraw a Handicap Index if it deems it necessary to do so.

OGA Season Dates, Handicap Revisions, Active / Inactive Season:

- Handicap Indexes will be updated daily.
- OGA active handicapping season begins March 1. Last day to post a score is November 30.
- Last official Handicap Index update of the season is December 1.
- No local scores can be posted during the off-season, which is December 1 through the last day of February.
- Rounds played in sun-belt states **must** be posted daily.

Please do not hesitate to direct any questions or concerns to:

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