

The *Handicap Committee* is not required to notify the player prior to posting a penalty score. The Pro Shop will notify the player that a penalty score has been posted if the player has an email registered with the Pro Shop.

The *Handicap Committee* has the responsibility of making certain that each player has a *Handicap Index* reflecting potential ability. The *Handicap Committee* has the ultimate authority to adjust a *Handicap Index* under any circumstance that it feels necessary to do so.

SCORES TO BE POSTED AS TOURNAMENT SCORES

BMC Golf Committee and the Handicap Committee have identified those events wherein scores will be posted as Tournament scores.

A player's *Handicap Index* may be reduced when a player has a minimum of two *eligible tournament score* differentials that are at least 3.0 better than the player's *Handicap Index*.

The number of *eligible tournament scores* will be counted on a revolving twelve-month basis.

BMC TOURNAMENTS

June Stage
July Member Guest
Club Championships

HANDICAP FORMULA

Potential ability is defined by the term *Handicap Index* and is measured through a calculation using the player's best scores. These best scores are determined by calculating the *Handicap Differential* for each score. The *Handicap Index* is calculated by taking 96 percent of the average of the best *Handicap Differential(s)*, and applying Section 10-3 for players with two or more *eligible tournament scores*.

A *Handicap Differential* is computed from four elements: *adjusted gross score*, *USGA Course Rating*, *Slope Rating*, and 113 (the *Slope Rating* of a course of standard difficulty). To determine the *Handicap Differential*, subtract the *USGA Course Rating* from the *adjusted gross score*; multiply the difference by 113; and divide the resulting number by the *Slope Rating*.

Questions should be directed to the Pro Shop or your Handicap Committee.



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Handicap Policy 2014-15

The USGA suggests that the Handicap committee send a notice to members before the season starts in order to outline the *USGA Handicap System*, to stress the importance of reporting all acceptable scores and to report the *Handicap Committee's* policies.

USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM

The purpose of the *USGA Handicap System* is to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis. The System provides a fair *Course Handicap* for each player, regardless of ability, and adjusts a player's *Handicap Index* up or down as the player's game changes. At the same time, the System disregards high scores that bear little relation to the player's potential ability and promotes continuity by making a *Handicap Index* continuous from one playing season or year to the next.

Two basic premises underlie the *USGA Handicap System*, namely that each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for *peer review*. The player and the player's *Handicap Committee* have joint responsibility for adhering to these premises.

The Handicap System is open to BMC Members and is included in the Annual Membership fee.

HANDICAP COMMITTEE

The "Handicap Committee" is the committee of the golf club that ensures compliance with the USGA Handicap System, including peer review. A majority of the Handicap Committee, including the chairperson, must be members of the club; club employees may serve on the Handicap Committee, but an employee may not serve as chairperson.

HANDICAP INDEX

A Handicap Index compares a player's scoring ability to the scoring ability of a scratch golfer on a course of standard difficulty. A player posts scores along with the appropriate USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating to make up the scoring record. A Handicap Index is computed from no more than 20 scores plus any eligible tournament scores. It reflects the player's potential because it is based upon the best handicap differentials posted for a given number of rounds, ideally the best 10 of the last 20 rounds.

A USGA Course Rating is the USGA's mark that indicates the evaluation of the playing difficulty of a course for a scratch golfer under normal conditions based on yardage and other obstacles that affect scoring ability. A Slope Rating is a measurement of the relative difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch golfers. Each course is rated from each set of tees for both the scratch golfer and the bogey golfer. The USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating together reflect the difficulty of the course for a player who is not a scratch golfer.

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

"*Equitable Stroke Control*" (ESC) is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability. ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's *Course Handicap*. ESC is used only when a player's actual or *most likely score* exceeds the player's maximum number based on the table in Section 4-3.

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

COURSE HANDICAP	MAXIMUM NUMBER ON ANY HOLE
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

POSTING OF SCORES

Posting scores in person immediately following the round at the course where the round is played is the preferred way to expose scores to *peer review*. This method of posting must be used whenever possible.

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*.

POSTING A SCORE WHEN A COMPLETE ROUND IS NOT PLAYED

To post a 9-hole score, the player must play 7 to 12 holes, and at least 7 holes must be played in accordance with the principle of the Rules of Golf. To post an 18-hole score, the player must play at least 13 holes in accordance with the principles of the Rules of Golf. (See Decisions 5-1a/3 through 5-1a/5.)

If a player does not play the remaining holes, the score recorded for the holes not played must be *par* plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on each hole.

FAILURE TO POST SCORE

Scores are to be posted immediately after completion of play.

If a player fails to post an acceptable score as soon as practical after completion of the round, the *Handicap Committee* has three options

- 1) Post the actual score made by the player;
- 2) Post a *penalty score* equal to the lowest/highest *Handicap Differential* in the *scoring record*;
- 3) Post the actual score and a *penalty score*

A "*penalty score*" is a score posted by the *Handicap Committee* for a player who does not return a score or otherwise does not observe the spirit of the *USGA Handicap System*. (See Section 8-4b and 8-4c(iv) .)