

The Oglebay Park Golf Club

Handicap Posting Policy

The Oglebay Park Golf Club (OPGC) Handicap System, along with the World Handicap System, exist to enhance the enjoyment of the game of golf and to allow golfers of various levels to compete with anyone else on a fair and equal basis.

Your handicap reflects your ability to play golf. Thus, in accordance with USGA handicapping guidelines, you must post your score **every time you play**, based on the acceptable scores criteria listed below.

Player's Responsibility:

A player is expected to:

- Act with integrity by following the rules of golf, and the rules of handicapping, and refrain from using or circumventing those rules for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage.
- Attempt to make the best score possible on each hole.
- Post acceptable scores on the day you play, or as soon as possible thereafter.
- Submit acceptable scores to provide reasonable evidence of your demonstrated ability.
- Certify the scores of fellow players.

Acceptable Scores for Handicap Purposes:

A score is acceptable for handicap purposes if the round has been played:

- On any course with a valid course rating and slope rating, within the active WPGA season.
- Post scores from all forms of competition: stroke play, match play, and team competitions, where the player plays their own ball.
- Post scores including rounds played under the local rule of 'preferred lies'.
- Post 18-hole scores whenever 14 or more holes are played.
- Post 9-hole scores whenever 7 or more holes are played.
- If a hole is not played, for handicap purposes post a Net Par, that is par plus the number of strokes a player is entitled to on that hole.
- Round must be played in the company of at least one other player.

If one or more of the requirements above is not met, the score is not acceptable for handicap purposes.

Scores for Handicap Purposes on Incomplete Holes or Conceded Strokes:

- If a player picks up or is conceded a stroke, record the Most Likely score that would have been made. That would be the number of strokes taken thus far plus the number most likely needed to complete the hole.
- If you pick up a 2-foot putt, add 1 stroke, if you pick up a long putt, add 2 strokes.
- If you hit into a penalty area and pick up, include strokes taken to that point, the penalty stroke, plus the number of strokes most likely needed to complete the hole.

Posting your score to the OPGC website: <https://www.oglebaygc.com>

When you post your score, you have an option to post the round hole by hole or post the 18-hole score. If you post the 18-hole score, it must be the adjusted 18-hole score.

- Adjusted scores are used to keep an exceptionally bad hole from changing a handicap too much.
- The maximum number of strokes you can post on any given hole is a 'net double bogey'.
- A net double bogey is the double bogey score of that hole plus the handicap stroke you would receive on that hole, if any.
- If you get 1 stroke on a given par 3, your max is 6.
- If you get 1 stroke on a given par 4, your max is 7.
- If you get 1 stroke on a given par 5, your max is 8.
- If you are unsure how to post adjusted scores in the system, use the hole by hole method to post and the system will adjust your score automatically.

Please see a member of the Handicap Committee if you have any questions regarding the posting of scores.

Handicap Committee Responsibility:

The OPGC Handicap Committee will be responsible for providing the following items:

- Ensure members have access to the OPGC Handicap System and understand the handicap guidelines defined above.
- Ensure the OPGC Handicap System is properly administered, and the system's integrity is protected.
- Review all player's handicap index periodically to ensure it continues to reflect the player's demonstrated ability.
- Review handicap tournament results to ensure fair and equitable play.
- Adjust or withdraw the handicap index of a player:
 - Whose handicap index no longer reflects their demonstrated ability.
 - Who fails to meet their responsibilities under the Rules of Handicapping.
 - Whose actions are determined to be for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage.

Additional information on handicapping from the USGA can be found at:

[USGA - Handicapping Home](#)

Or

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/handicapping.html>