Posting/Handicap Document

To maintain the integrity of the U.S.G.A. Handicap System, members are required to post **ALL** their **ESC ADJUSTED SCORES** through our tournament system, in the GHIN computer in our club house or on the internet. Note: if you play in a weekly tournament using the GHMGC System, that system will post the correct ESC score for you. Do not post it on the GHIN computer in the club house. **The key to maintaining the integrity is posting all ESC adjusted scores.**

Sometimes this is a little confusing so the next section on Posting/Handicap points of information hopefully will clarify most questions. If you still have questions or concerns on how play is being conducted call the Griff Harris Men’s Golf Club Tournament Chairman. Handicap’s will be reviewed and can be modified by the Handicap Chairman.

**The definition of all scores is exactly that “ALL”**.

The only **exceptions** are as follows:

1. If you are playing a round of golf at a location in which the season is closed for handicap purposes you do not post any score. For example our area usually closes after October. Any round played after the closing date and before the opening date does not get posted.
2. If you are only playing nine holes and you play less than seven you do not post any score. If you play at least seven, then you must post a nine hole score. The only exception to this is that some locations do not allow to post nine hole scores, therefore in those locations you do not post any nine hole scores. If the locations you are playing posts nine hole scores then for the holes you do not play you must post a score depending on your handicap. You take the handicap of the hole and compare it to your handicap and post accordingly for these holes (e.g. if the hole handicap is 7 and you are an seven you post a bogey, if you are a 6 you would post a par, if you are a 25 you would post a double bogey etc…)

3. If you are playing 18 holes and you play less than 13 you do not post a 18 hole score but you do post a nine hole score if you played at least seven hole (see #2 above.) If you play at least 13 holes follow the same procedure in #2 above to post your 18 hole score.

4. If you play in events where you do not play your own shots (e.g. Scramble, Pinehurst, Ryder Cup etc…) or if you play a true practice round you do not post any score. A practice round is described as playing multiple balls on holes, moving your ball, setting up special shots etc… This is very rare for our types of rounds.

All other scores must be posted.

The following should clarify most questions that come up regarding scores that are posted:
1. All rounds of golf played away from the Griff must be posted if it does not fall into one of the above exceptions. Yes these include all scores in Fl during the winter season. You can post all scores on the internet at any time. If it is during our winter season they will all be saved and will apply when a revision is done. You can also wait till the next season and post them all on our computer.

2. If you skip a hole when you play a round of golf you follow the rule in #2 in the exception section above. This also applies if you play a hole that has been significantly altered. For example if you play a hole that has a temporary green (exception: in our tournaments you must post the score) or is significantly modified because it is being worked on.

3. If you pick up before you hole out (note: this can not be done in a tournament, if you need to count this score) you should honestly estimate what you would have gotten if you holed out and put down that score. You do not only add one to your current stroke total.

4. Yes, you must post all match play rounds and use the above instruction to do it correctly. In match play, after a hole is over, you can hole out your ball if you want to get an accurate total or you can estimate as described above. In the future match play tournaments should be posted.

5. After you get the correct gross scores you must always apply the ESC to adjust your score before you post. This is explained as follows:
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 his maximum number based on the table below. Each player is responsible for adjusting his score in accordance with the table. ESC was modified in 1998 to allow golfers with a single digit Course Handicap to post a double bogey.

**ADJUST YOUR SCORE WITH EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL**

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Information you need to post scores is the following:
- ESC adjusted score
- Date
- Type: Either Home or Away or Tournament
- Course Rating
- Course Slope