



# Golf Handicaps

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# What is a Handicap?

- ▶ A **USGA Handicap Index** is an indication of your potential as a golfer.
  - ▶ It is not an average, but an approximation of how much over par you would be on a good day on a course of typical difficulty.
  - ▶ Your Handicap Index can be translated to a **Course Handicap** for each course you play.
  - ▶ In EWGA LI League play we normally use your **Handicap Index**.

# Why Get a Handicap?

- ▶ Most EWGA LI Leagues require a Handicap Index.
  - ▶ Harbor Links and Heartland do NOT require a Handicap
  - ▶ Heatherwood and Spring Lake will accept players who are trying to establish a Handicap
- ▶ All EWGA Competitions require a Handicap Index
  - ▶ Chapter Championship, EWGA Championship, EWGA Cup
- ▶ If you play outside of EWGA you will probably be asked for your Handicap

# How to Sign Up

- ▶ Use of the **GN21 Handicap System** is **FREE** as part of your EWGA membership.
  - ▶ EWGA LI also offers access to the GHIN system through the MGA (email [handicap@ewgali.org](mailto:handicap@ewgali.org) for info)
- ▶ To Access **GN21**, go to [www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com) **Login**.  
At the EWGA Portal select **Post A Score**.  
Look for the Button that says: **Enter Score**.



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**My Score Center**

USGA Handicap Index®

<b>17.5</b>	<b>17.5L</b>
Index	Trend
<b>Enter Score</b>	
Enter Hole-By-Hole Score	

# How to Post Scores

- ▶ When you post you **MUST**
  - ▶ Find your course in the list
  - ▶ Carefully select the tees you played from (usually Red)
  - ▶ Enter the number of holes played
  - ▶ Enter your total score as adjusted by Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)
    - ▶ If you don't yet have a handicap use "40 and above"
- ▶ What to post
  - ▶ Only scores for rounds played according to the rules of golf
  - ▶ Only during the local season (April-November here)
  - ▶ Always adjust your hole-by-hole scores for ESC
  - ▶ Do NOT post scores if the course has no USG Slope and Rating (e.g. Harbor Links Exec)
  - ▶ Do NOT post scores if you play alone

<u>Course Handicap</u>	<u>Maximum Number</u>
9 or less	Double Bogey
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40 and above	10

# How Long Does it Take?

- ▶ You must post at least 5 scores before the system will calculate a handicap index
- ▶ Your handicap will update once every two weeks

UhOh, that's  
gonna hurt  
her handicap

