

What Scores Do I Post for Handicap Purposes? (Source: USGA Handicap System Reference Guide)

*The following are acceptable scores and **must** be posted for handicap posting purposes:*

- Post scores from home and away golf courses.
- Post scores when at least seven holes are played (7-12 holes are posted as a 9-hole score; 13 or more are posted as an 18-hole score) *NOTE: For holes not played, or not played under The Rules of Golf, the score entered for handicap purposes is par of the hole plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to on that hole, based on Course Handicap.*
- Post scores made in an area observing an active season
- Post scores made under *The Rules of Golf*
- Post scores on all courses with a valid USGA Course Rating™ and Slope Rating®
- Post scores when playing two nines, even if it is the same nine, or nines from different days. *NOTE: The EWGA GLMS system will combine 9-hole scores you post for purposes of handicap calculations.*
- Post scores in all forms of competition where players play their own ball.
- Post scores played under the local rule of "preferred lies".

*The following are unacceptable scores and **cannot** be posted for handicap posting purposes:*

- Do not post scores when fewer than seven holes are played.
- Do not post scores made on a golf course in an area observing an inactive season.
- Do not post scores made when a majority of the holes are not played in accordance with the principles of *The Rules of Golf*.
- Do not post scores on a courses with no USGA Course Rating™ and Slope Rating®
- Do not post scores when the length of the course is less than 3,000 yards for 18 holes (or 1,500 yards for nine holes)
- Do not post scores when, as a condition of competition, the maximum number of clubs allowed is less than 14, or the types of clubs are limited as, for example, in a competition that allows only iron clubs.
- Do not post scores when using non-confirming clubs or non-conforming balls or tees
- Do not post scores when artificial devices (see Rule 14-3) are used during the execution of a stroke

For more information on the USGA Handicap System, visit the Handicap section of the USGA website, www.usga.org.