

Claremont Women's Golf Club Handicapping Policies & Procedures - Notice to Members: April 1, 2023

The Handicap Committee, appointed by officers of our golf club, is responsible for all aspects of the USGA Handicap System. Our Committee includes a Handicap Chair who has been certified by the Oregon Golf Association. We are obligated and committed to ensure the integrity of each Handicap Index we issue. In the interest of fairness, and because we are compelled by our license with the OGA / USGA, we will provide education as well as uphold the rules of the Handicap System. While this sounds very serious, these regulations are required so our club can assure equity in our games. More equity = more fun!

Our Committee is: Carolyn Barnett and Laura Leiman (co-chairs), Carol Thomason, Marilyn Morfitt and Anthony Wik

The Committee has adopted these policies & procedures for all members carrying USGA Handicap Indexes:

- Each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played.
- All acceptable rounds must be posted for peer review, including 9-hole scores.
- Scores must be posted within 72 hours of the round being played.
- Scores must be adjusted properly for handicap purposes - for scores based on net double bogey of the new World Handicap System, for holes not played, and for holes that are started but not finished.
- The principles of the Rules of Golf must be followed.

All acceptable scores must be posted using the following method(s): Random audits will be performed.

- Posting computer at our golf course
- Posting computer at any golf course when playing away
- www.ghin.com
- Returned to the Claremont Golf Shop staff or CWGC Handicap Committee / Chairs for posting

The Tournament Committee has determined that the following event will be posted as Tournament Scores:

Good Times, Good Friends Club Tournament (August 22, 25 & 29, 2023)

Preferred Lies / Winter Rules and Adverse Course Conditions: Our Committee has decided to adopt a temporary Local Rule – as stated in the OGA position paper – for dealing with unpleasant course conditions. When we are in active season, scores still must be posted if using Preferred Lies. We have adopted the following rule: “Through the green, a ball that is embedded may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the general playing area.

Note: A ball is “embedded” when it is in its own pitch-mark and part of the ball is below the level of the ground.

Exceptions:

*A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.

*A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable. **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE: Stroke play – Two strokes.”**

Disciplinary Actions for failure to post or player manipulating their Handicap Index:

At the discretion of the CWGC Handicap Committee, the following actions may be taken:

1. First and second failure to post or manipulation of your score will result in an email advising of the issue.
2. Third failure will result in the appropriate penalty round issued for scores not posted.
3. After your fourth failure to post your score or continued manipulation of your scores, further disciplinary action will be taken as the Handicap Chairs / Committee deems fair and equitable.

A player must earn a Handicap Index. No player has an inherent right to a Handicap Index without providing full evidence of ability to our club's Handicap Committee. The Committee has the ultimate authority and obligation to adjust or withdraw a Handicap Index if it deems it necessary to do so.

OGA Season Dates, Handicap Revisions, Active / Inactive Season:

Handicap Indexes will be updated at the end of every day a score is posted to GHIN, as per the new World Handicap System. OGA active handicapping season begins March 1st. Last day to post a score is November 30th. Last official Handicap Index update of the season is December 1st. No local scores can be posted during the off-season, which is December 1st through the last day of February. Rounds played in sun belt states must be posted in a timely fashion throughout the year.