

# Handicap

**Welcome to the South Bay Public Links Golf Club and having an official USGA index!**

**If you already have an existing SCGA index number**, continue posting scores exactly as you have been doing. Your 7 or 8 digit handicap index ID number should not have changed as players can use the same number tied to any number of clubs. If you have received a new number by mistake and already have a prior number from another club, please contact us immediately so that we can consolidate the numbers.

**If this is your first handicap index**, you will have received your GHIN number when you joined and also in our welcome email. You will need this number in order to post your scores. In order to have an initial index calculated, you must have a minimum of 3 full round postings which can be including both 9 and 18 hole scores. You can see your current index at any time at [ghin.com](http://ghin.com) or [scga.org](http://scga.org).

- *If you **have** saved recent scorecards* or accurately recall all the data including course, date and tees played, then you may in some cases post these scores retroactively as explained in the email that comes with your index number.
- *If you **have not** saved any recent scorecards*, simply start posting every round you play and once you have the minimum number of scores entered you will start to see your official index.

Follow the procedure below for posting all future scores:

Every golf course should have a computer to post your score on. If you cannot locate it, ask someone in the pro shop where you can find it. As noted, we would like all members to post at the courses immediately after rounds wherever possible as it's the most direct and reliable method, and only post online at [ghin.com](http://ghin.com) or [scga.org](http://scga.org) or with the ghin mobile app on an exception basis.

The posting computers are mainly “touch screen” although some will be keyboards. Note at the computer at Los Verdes you will start by pushing “member posting” whereas at all other courses you will touch “guest posting” first. The process is self explanatory just follow the prompts. You will generally post rounds at Los Verdes as HOME rounds and others as AWAY rounds, and you will NOT post as a TOURNAMENT (T) round unless you are playing in an event where they give you specific instructions to do so (it can be confusing but generally only “significant tournaments” are posted as T scores and most tournaments you are likely to play in will just be posted as home or away rounds. Many tournaments like all our club events we post for you, so in tournaments be sure to see if the event posts for you to avoid duplications. **If you have duplicate posts or any other errors in how you have posted, the system will NOT allow you to fix it after its been posted – if you made a mistake just send a very specific email to [sbplgc@earthlink.net](mailto:sbplgc@earthlink.net) and we will make the corrections for you – be sure to explain all aspects very specifically though.**

**The aspect of posting that you will find the most involved is how to first ADJUST your scores for the net double bogey maximum allowed, regardless of your index. The former equitable stroke control system and tables NO LONGER APPLY under the World Handicap System effective 1-1-2020.**

**Here is how you need to proceed to potentially adjust every round you play and post:**

1. You either need to compute your specific course handicap before every round OR use the posting option that will allow you to instead enter your hole by hole scores for all 18 (or 9 holes) when you post. The hole by hole is easiest and removes any calculations and the further steps listed below, but will take a little bit of time and require you to keep a complete and accurate scorecard.

2. Assuming you do the later and do NOT enter the hole by hole scores, you need to first transform your index into the course handicap either with new charts posted at the courses or the course computer or the GHIN mobile app. You need to obtain your specific course handicap for the set of tees you have selected.

**3. In simple terms, the new adjustment procedure is the same for all golfers regardless of their handicap and it's on every hole the most you can take for posting purposes is a NET DOUBLE BOGEY. So, in order to do this properly you basically need to first determine your course handicap and then place your dots on your blank scorecard accordingly before you start play. A net double bogey is defined as par + 2 + any handicap strokes received or given on a hole. So, If you have a really bad hole in excess of a net double, then for posting purposes you need to REDUCE your score on any such holes to the net double bogey number.**

4. For example, if your course handicap is 11, then you get one stroke on the numbers 1-11 handicap holes; Assume the #6 handicap hole is a par four and you therefore get one stroke on that hole, so a net double bogey for that hole is a  $4 + 2 + 1 = 7$ . If you make a 8 on that hole, for posting purposes you need to reduce it to a 7.

5. As another example, let's assume you are a 25 course handicap, so you receive 2 strokes on each of the #'s 1-7 handicap holes, and then only one stroke each on the #'s 8-18 handicap holes. If you are playing the #1 handicap hole (hardest hole) which is a par 4 and you take a 10, your maximum net double bogey there is  $4 + 2 + 2 = 8$ . So for posting purposes you need to reduce your score on that hole to an 8. Now assume you made a 5 – 5 is lower than the maximum net double bogey score of 8, so there is no adjustment needed in that case.

If you have any questions or for posting errors, please contact me by email.

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