

HANDICAPPING BY LAWS

Handicaps shall be administered by the GOLF RULES, COMPETITION & HANDICAPPING SUB-COMMITTEE (hereafter referred to as the Handicap Sub-Committee) in accordance with the USGA Handicap System.

A basic premise underlies the USGA Handicap System, namely that every player will try to make the best score that he/she can at each hole in every round he/she plays, regardless of where the round is played, and that he/she will post every acceptable round for peer review.

All handicaps will be computed based on the formula contained in Section 10-2 of the USGA Handicap System which disregards the player's worst 10 of the last 20 handicap differentials since these scores do not represent his or her potential ability. The percentage of scores used in a scoring record decreases from the maximum of the best 50% as the number of scores in the scoring record decreases.

OBTAINING HANDICAP

A USGA Handicap must be earned. No player has an inherent right to a USGA Handicap without providing full evidence of his or her ability to the Handicap Sub-Committee.

1. New Members
 - 1.1. A new member without a valid USGA Handicap must attend a golf rule seminar conducted by the Handicap Sub-Committee/Management of the Club.
 - 1.2. "The member should submit at least (a) Five (5) 18-hole scores with each not exceeding 110 for men and 120 for women; or (b) Ten (10) 9-hole scores with each not exceeding 55 for men and 60 for women. All score cards must be countersigned by a playing partner."
 - 1.3. The member may then apply for a Handicap Test conducted by a member of the Handicap Sub-Committee or designated official of the Club approved by the Chairman of the Handicap Sub-Committee.
 - 1.4. The Handicap Test shall consist of 9-hole round (costs to be borne by the member(s) being tested) during which an assessment will be made of the following - Safety on the course, Pace of game, Ability to play, Rules of golf and Etiquette & Course care.
 - 1.5. A member after passing his/her Handicap Test, will be placed on a 3 months probation. His/her name will be displayed on the notice board. Barring any complaints he/she shall be automatically confirmed at the end of his or her

said period of probation. The probationer must submit 10 cards played at a KRPM course and must play at least one club competition during the period.

A handicap will be awarded based on the computation in Rule 1.2 and 1.4 above.

2. New Members who already have a handicap from another Club.

Such members must:-

Submit a certified record of their last 20 scores from their other Club to the Handicap Sub-Committee.

PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Players shall follow Rule 6-2 of the Rules of Golf using their Course Handicaps, in order to apply handicaps correctly in competitions.
2. If a player belongs to more than one golf club, he/she should return all scores to all his/her clubs in person or by mail or facsimile together with the USGA Course Ratings, and USGA Slope Rating (if any), and dates. Failure to post all acceptable scores at all clubs produces a handicap that is not based on the player's best 10 of his last 20 scores and results in a player having more than one handicap.

Consequently, these players must declare their lowest handicap when competing against other players in all KRPM competitions.

HANDICAP REVISIONS

The Handicap Sub-Committee will review and revise handicaps at least once a calendar month based on the posting of acceptable scores up to and including the 20th day of each month.

Revised handicaps are valid from the 1st day of each calendar month, and will be available for peer review at the Club's premises.

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

The Club shall use Equitable Stroke Control to downward adjust individual hole scores for handicap purposes. ESC sets the maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on player's Course Handicap. ESC is used only when a player's actual or most likely score exceeds the maximum number based on the table below.

Course Handicap
9 or less

Maximum Number On Any Hole
6

10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 40	9

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE ABOVE PROCEDURES BE USED BY A PLAYER TO MANUPULATE HIS OR HER HANDICAP. IF A PLAYER USES ESC FOR SUCH PURPOSES, HIS OR HER HANDICAP SHALL BE ADJUSTED OR REVOKED BY THE HANDICAP SUB-COMMITTEE.

EXCEPTIONAL TOURNAMENT SCORES

When a player has two or more eligible tournament scores with differentials at least three strokes better than his or her USGA Handicap Index, an alternate calculation based on Section 10.3 of the USGA Handicap system will be used to determine his or her USGA Handicap.

An Eligible tournament score is a tournament score contained within a player's scoring record, including team matches, member-guest competitions, four-ball match or stroke-play competitions, stableford and bogey competitions, etc. Tournament scores outside of a player's last 20 scores remain eligible for the calendar year in which they were made.

USGA Handicap reduction for exceptional tournament scores is calculated at each handicap revision. A player's USGA Handicap will return to the number calculated by the normal formula in Section 10-2 of the USGA Handicap System when his or her two lowest eligible tournament score differentials are no longer more than three strokes better than his or her USGA Handicap calculated under Section 10-2.

**LOCAL RULE
ARBITRARY REDUCTION OF HANDICAP (A/C)**

1. Arbitrary cuts will be applicable to all players and will be based on the following table :-

Nett Score Returned Handicaps	63 & Under	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
4 to 9	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	0
10 to 12	3	2	2	2	2	1	0	0
13 to 18	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	0
19 to 24	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	0
25 to 36	5	4	4	3	3	2	2	1

2. A/C is automatically implemented immediately after the competition closes.
3. Golfers whose Handicaps have undergone A/C will maintain those Handicaps for 3 calendar months after the A/C.
4. Arbitrary Reduction of Handicaps will apply to KRPM official competitions held at KRPM and for members only competitions.
5. Arbitrary Cuts in Handicaps will not be made for Inter-Club non-individual matches, or team competitions but scores returned during those competitions will be noted by the Handicap Sub-Committee and suitable action will be taken if so required.
6. Under exceptional circumstances when golfer's normal play is much better than indicated by the score cards returned by him or the refusal to return 18 hole score cards, the Handicap Sub-Committee reserves the right to reduce his Handicap and determine the amount of adjustment.

In an extreme case of a player's non-cooperation, the Handicap Sub-Committee has the right to withdraw his handicap. A member may appeal in writing if there are valid grounds that his handicap is reduced unfairly.

If the handicap from NHS index or ETS become lower than the handicap A/C, the lower value shall apply.

9. ESC shall be used to compute net scores for stableford/bogeyplay.

UPWARD REVISION OF HANDICAPS

A player's increasing handicap shall be limited by the following Upward revision of Handicaps:

- (a) For 0-9 Handicapper A maximum of 1 stroke per month
(Maximum of 3 strokes in a year)
- (b) For 10-40 Handicapper A maximum of 2 strokes per month
(Maximum of 5 strokes in a year)

RETURNING AN ACCEPTABLE ROUND FOR HANDICAP MAINTENANCE

Below are the steps a player should follow to maintain a current USGA Handicap.

1. Convert your USGA Handicap Index to a Course Handicap before you play.
To do this:-
 - consult a Course Handicap Table to find your Course Handicap for the tees, or
 - multiply your USGA Handicaps Index by the Slope Rating of the tees and divide by 113. Round to the nearest whole number.
2. Record your gross score on each hole.

This is the total number of strokes you took plus any penalty strokes.

3. Recording a score for uncompleted hole

If you don't finish the hole, or if you are conceded a stroke. The hole score is the score you most likely would have made. It is the strokes, penalty strokes taken thus far, plus the number of strokes it will take to complete the hole. An X should precede this most likely score on your card.

Example : A player picks up the ball on the green after five strokes. The player estimates it would have taken two strokes to putt out. When added to

the five strokes already taken, the “most likely score” the player records is seven. The score is preceded by an X.

4. Record a score for a hole not played

If you do not play a hole or play it other than under the principles of the Rules of Golf, the hole score in these cases is equal to par plus any handicap strokes you're entitled to receive on the hole.

Example : A player with a Course Handicap of 10 receives handicap strokes on the first 10 handicap stroke holes. The sixth handicap stroke hole is under construction. For that hole, the player will record a score of par plus one. The score is preceded by an X.

5. Adjust a hole score

If your score exceeds your maximum number under Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). Refer to ESC table.

REMEMBER : Use your Course Handicap when applying ESC. Don't apply ESC using a Course Handicap that has been reduced or increased because of a condition of competition, such as a 90% allowance.

Example : A player with a Course Handicap of 10 hits the ball out of bounds and three-putts the green for a gross score of eight. The eight is higher than the player's maximum score allowed. So he or she will have to adjust it down to a seven when posting his score.

6. Post your adjusted score for every acceptable round for handicap purposes. Such scores should be posted at all clubs of which you are a member, and include:

your name;
the USGA Course Rating of the tees you played,
the USGA Slope Rating of the tees you played,
the date of play, - and
the letter “T” if it was a tournament score.

An acceptable round is

an 18 hole round,
13 or more holes of an 18 hole round;
consecutive 9 hole rounds with no intervening 18 hole round.

An unacceptable score is :

an 18-hole round in which fewer than 13 holes are Played, made during an inactive season; when a majority of holes are not played in accordance with the principles of the Rules of Golf; when the length of the course is less than

3,000 yards for 18 holes; in a competition in which less than 14 clubs are allowed or the types of clubs are limited (such as an irons tournament); or when scores are made on a course with no USGA Course or Slope Rating.

Penalty For Not Posting

If you fail to post a score, the Handicap Committee may post the score or post a penalty score or adjust your USGA Handicap Index according to the USGA Handicap System Section 8-4 and 10-3.

HANDICAP ADJUSTMENT AND WITHDRAWAL

The Handicap Sub-Committee shall reduce or withdraw the handicap of a player who does not return all acceptable score, or otherwise does not observe the spirit of the USGA Handicap System.