

YOUR GARRISON GOLF & CURLING CLUB HANDICAP CORNER

Handicap Committee Guide for Members

Any member club using the RCGA Handicap System is required to have a Handicap Committee to ensure compliance with the system, including peer review. The Handicap Committee at Garrison hopes this guide will assist you to properly post your scores during the golf season.

Player's Responsibility

A basic premise of golf is that every player will try to make the best score at each hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable score, adjusted by Equitable Stroke Control (ESC), for peer review.

Posting of Scores

All adjusted scores should be posted on the computer, in the pro-shop, immediately after play or on the Internet as soon as possible after play. Scores can be posted on the Golf Canada network by going to www.rcganetwork.org or by using the Garrison web site link- www.ggcc.on.ca. Based on your scores, the system will assign you a Handicap Factor, which can be translated into a Course Handicap specific to the set of tees on any golf course you are playing.

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)

ESC is the mandatory procedure used to reduce high hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential scoring ability. All scores for handicap purposes, including tournament scores, are subject to the application of Equitable Stroke Control. ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post for any hole, depending on the player's Course Handicap and must be calculated as follows:

Handicap	Maximum
0 or +	1 over par
1 to 18	2 over par
19-32	3 over par
33 and over	4 over par

Example: A player with a Course Handicap of 13 can post a maximum of double bogey for any hole regardless of par. A player with a Course Handicap of 34 can post a maximum of quadruple bogey for any hole. There is no limit to the number of individual hole scores on which Equitable Stroke Control reduction may be made.

Holes not Finished

A player who starts, but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke must record for handicap purposes their most likely score. The most likely score may not exceed the player's Equitable Stroke Control limit. There is no limit to the number of unfinished holes a player may have in a round, provided that failure to finish is not for the purpose of handicap manipulation.

Holes Not Played

For handicap purposes, enter par plus any handicap strokes you are entitled to receive on that hole.

Examples of Score to Post

(Active Season for Ontario is April 15th to Oct.31st)

- If 13 or more holes are played, post an 18 hole score following the method explained under "Holes Not Played".
- If 7 to 12 holes are played, post a 9 hole score. (Your 9 hole score will be retained, combined with your next 9 hole score and identified with a "C")

- Adjusted scores from all courses with an RCGA Course and Slope rating or include the relevant Course and Slope rating.
- Scores in **both Match and Stroke play**
- Scores made in accordance with the principles of the **Rules of Golf**.
- Scores played while on vacation during the winter

Tournament Scores

A tournament score is a score made in a competition organized and conducted by a committee in charge of the competition. It is identified by a letter "T" when posted and is held as an eligible score for 12 months. Your handicap factor may be adjusted as a result of tournament scores. 9 hole scores shall never be designated as "T" scores.

Examples of Scores Unacceptable to be Posted

- When fewer than 7 holes are played
- An inactive season is in effect
- Scores made on a course with no RCGA Course or Slope Rating
- Majority of holes not played in accordance with the **Rules of Golf**.

Handicap Committee Responsibilities

The Handicap Committee should be responsible for all aspects of the Handicap System and reports the Executive. It must ensure the integrity of the handicap system it issues.

Handicap Factor Adjustment

The Handicap Committee has the responsibility of making certain that a player's Handicap Factor reflects their potential ability. Sometimes circumstances may dictate an adjustment to a player's Handicap Factor. Before an adjustment becomes effective, the Committee must give the player the opportunity to explain the circumstances surrounding the proposed adjustment, either in writing or by appearing before the Committee. When adjustments do become effective, they will be identified with the letter "M", reflecting that the Handicap Committee has modified the Handicap Factor.

Circumstances Which May Merit Factor adjustments

- a) Improvement faster than the system can react
- b) Numerous "Away" scores
- c) Temporary Disability
- d) Failure to post scores
- e) Posting erroneous scores
- f) Manipulation of scores or rounds of golf.

Handicap Factor Withdrawal

If a player continues to violate the provisions for the posting of scores, after being notified by the Handicap Committee, the Committee is authorized to withdraw the player's Handicap Factor. The Handicap Committee shall determine the duration.

Garrison Golf & Curling Club Handicap Committee:

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