

Posting Scores

- Premise of USGA Handicap system
 - Play as well as you can
 - **Post every Acceptable Round**
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 - You play your own ball
 - Competition follows rules of golf
 - 7 or more holes played (player must post an 9-hole score)
 - 13 or more holes played (player must post an 18-hole score)
 - All courses with a USGA Rating/Slope, Home & Away
 - Unrated Set of Tees on a Rated Course – Post see Handicap Manual
 - Play along with someone, i.e. not alone (2016 Rule change)
- Scores in **All Forms of Competition** must be posted
 - Scores in both **Match Play** and **Stroke Play**
 - Includes scores made in team competitions in which
 - Players have **Not Completed** one or more holes
 - Players are requested to **Pick Up** when out of contention on a hole
- When hole is **Not Completed** or **Stroke Conceded** use “**Most Likely Score**”
 - Number of strokes taken plus strokes to finish hole more than half the time
 - This “**Most Likely Score**” should be preceded by an “**X**”
 - No limit to the number of unfinished holes a player may have in a round
- For Holes **Not Played** or **Not Played Under The Rules of Golf** use
 - **Par plus Handicap Strokes** the player is to receive on that hole.
 - This **Hole Score** should be preceded by an “**X**”
 - Post if majority of holes are played under the Rules of Golf
- **Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)** - the **maximum Hole Score for posting**
 - Based on Handicap for course & tee
 - Applied after the round
 - This is **not** a maximum Hole Score for a Competition
- Handicap Committee Responsibilities
 - Post a Penalty Score if player does not post
 - Adjust Player Index up/down if player does not post all scores
 - Adjust or Withdraw Index if player Manipulates scores
- USGA Club Audit Procedure
 - All clubs are subject to be audited by the USGA
 - Ensure integrity of Handicap System
 - If non-conforming, Club gets a time limit to cure its deficiencies
 - If not corrected Club risks ability to utilize the Handicap System