Plumas Pines Men's Club, Inc.
2016 Club Handicap Policy

A Handicap Index is widely recognized in America and elsewhere as a reliable measure of a player's potential ability. A player's Handicap Index is used for conversion to a Course Handicap, which indicates the number of strokes a player receives from a specific set of tees. The club Handicap Committee has been established to ensure fair and equitable competition by providing resources that know the USGA Handicap System, communicate the System to the players and faithfully apply the System at our club. The members of the club Handicap Committee for 2016 are Kim Roberts (Chairman), Frank Motzkus, and Paul Jeglum.

Handicap Committee Responsibilities

The club Handicap Committee will meet on an as needed basis to verify complete and accurate posting of player scores. The Committee will audit posted scores, enter or correct missing data, and advise players if problems are found. The Committee also has the power to enter penalty scores to adjust player handicaps if the player does not post all acceptable scores or otherwise does not observe the spirit of the USGA Handicap System. In the case of a player's repeated failure to comply with the USGA Handicap System, the Committee may withdraw the player's Handicap Index. Before a penalty is assessed the player will have received oral or written warnings. The Committee must invite a response from the player prior to adjustment per USGA guidelines. Our goal is fair competition for our member events.

Under the following circumstances it may become necessary for the Handicap Committee to make adjustments to the player's Handicap Index:

- Player is improving faster than the system can react
- Numerous scores away changes Handicap Index
- Temporary disability (designated as "M" scores)
- Failure to post
- Player manipulates round

Player Responsibilities:

Know how to adjust gross score for handicap purposes
How to know if an adjusted score is acceptable for posting
How to post an adjusted score for all acceptable rounds including tournament rounds
How to post an 'away' round

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)

ESC sets a maximum number of strokes that a player can post on any hole and is incumbent upon that player's Course Handicap. For handicap purposes, a player is required to adjust hole scores (actual or most likely) when they are higher than the player's maximum ESC number. There is no limit to the number of holes on which a player can adjust hole scores and a player must adjust all scores for handicap purposes, including tournament scores.

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)

18 Hole Course Handicap	Maximum ESC Number On Any Hole
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 thru 19	7
20 thru 29	8
30 thru 39	9
40 or more	10

To apply ESC just scan the scorecard for any hole where a score (actual or most likely) is higher than the maximum ESC number, reduce higher scores to the maximum ESC number for handicapping purposes, and post the adjusted score.

Acceptability of Scores: To Post Or Not To Post

The following are acceptable scores and must be posted for handicapping purposes:

- Post scores when at least 7 holes are played (7-12 holes are posted as a 9 hole score; 13 or more holes are posted as an 18 hole score). Holes not played are posted as par plus any handicap strokes to which the player is entitled.
- Post scores made in an area observing an active season.
- Post scores made under the Rules of Golf.
- Post scores on all courses with a valid USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating.
- Post scores in all forms of competition: match play, stoke play and team competitions where players play their own ball. The Tournament Director will advise if a score is to be posted as a tournament (T) score.
- Post scores played under the local rule of 'preferred lies'.
- Post scores when a player is disqualified from a competition but still has an acceptable score for handicap purposes (e.g. failure to sign a scorecard).

The following are unacceptable scores for handicap posting purposes:

- Do not post scores when fewer than 7 holes are played.
- Do not post scores made on a course during an inactive season.
- Do not post scores made when a majority of the holes are not played in accordance with the Rules of golf.
- Do not post scores when the course is less than 3000 yards for 18 holes (or 1500 yards for 9 holes)
- Do not post scores when as a condition of the competition, the maximum number of clubs allowed is less than 14, or types of clubs are limited as, for example, in a competition than only allows irons.
- Do not post scores when scores are made on a course with no USGA Course Rating or Slope Rating
- Do not post scores when a player carries or uses non-conforming clubs or uses non-conforming balls or tees.
- Do not post scores when artificial devices are used during the execution of a stroke.
- **Do not post scores when a player ignores one or more Rules of Golf and fails to post an adjusted hole score as required, or fails to record the appropriate penalty for breach of the rule. For example, if a player anchored the club while making a stroke during a round and did not record a penalty for doing so (NEW).**
- **Do not post scores made while playing alone (NEW).**

Posting Scores for Holes Not Finished:

The player must record his 'most likely' score. The most likely score consists of the number of strokes already taken plus, in the player's best judgment, the number of strokes that the player would need to complete the hole from that position more than half the time. This most likely score is subject to reduction under the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) procedure detailed above.

Posting Winter Golf Scores

A quick reminder to those playing golf this winter. Though Plumas Pines is closed during the winter season you must post all scores played on an active course with a USGA Course Rating and Slope. You can post any missing scores on-line at www.ghin.com or contact a member of the club Handicap Committee for help.