

2012 Annual Message From the Handicap Chairman

Purpose and Principals of M-PMGA Handicap System:

To make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling an equitable competition between players of differing abilities The handicap system is based on good faith that every player will try to make the best score at each hole in the round and that every player will post every acceptable round.

Posting Scores:

- If you play at least seven holes under the Rules of Golf, you are required to post a nine-hole score.
- If you play at least thirteen holes under the Rules of Golf, you are required to post an eighteen-hole score.
- For the holes not started, give yourself par plus any strokes you would receive
- Post your scores at the terminals at Mountain View or The Preserve or on the Internet.
- Scores shall be posted within 36 hours after a round is completed

Handicap Labels:

- Handicap Labels may be printed at the terminals at Mountain View and The Preserve terminals.
- If you receive e-mail notifications on the Revision Dates (1st & 15th of every month), the notification includes a Handicap Label (no adhesive).

Handicap Revisions:

The Revisions are computed, generated, and issued through the EZLinks Handicap software program on the 1st and 15th of each month. Therefore, they will be accurate.

Inactive Season:

- The Arizona Golf Association has no Inactive Season. Scores should be posted year-round.
- Many of the Snowbirds also belong to Golf Associations that have Inactive Seasons.
The Snowbirds should make sure that their Arizona scores are entered when the Inactive Season ends. (Snowbirds should also make sure that their out-of-state handicap accounts are linked to their AGA accounts. That can be done by the M-PMGA Handicap Chairman.)

Away Scores:

- Anytime a golfer plays a round under the Rules, he is required to post his score to his AGA account.
 - In Arizona, this can usually be done using a terminal at the course where the round is played.
 - For rounds played in other states, posting immediately to your AGA account on the Internet is encouraged.
 - If at all possible, scores should be posted before the next revision date.

Attention Snowbirds!

Maintaining separate Handicap accounts in different states is frowned upon. Most accounts can be linked. For those states where the accounts can't be linked (e.g., SD), please post to your AGA account. A number of members with two handicap accounts have had them linked. Contact the Chairman to get your accounts linked.

The Handicap Committee:

- The Committee meets regularly to review scores from the M-PMGA events to ensure that all scores were recorded, recorded correctly, and to note any exceptionally low scores.
- The Committee reviews and posts all Tournament Scores (see below).

Tournament Scores:

Rounds in the following M-PMGA events are designated as tournament scores:

1. Member-Member Match Play (Flight finals and inter-flight matches only)
2. Club Championship
3. Individual Match Play (Flight finals and inter-flight matches only)
4. Member-Member
5. President's Cup

The Handicap Committee will post all scores from these five events. Additionally, all M-PMGA members who play in sanctioned AGA events (Individual or Four ball) should ensure that their scores in those events are posted and are posted as "T" scores.

The changes from 2011:

1. Reduced the M-PMGA events designated as tournament scores from eight to five by eliminating the Javelina Cup (with HOA1), Home and Home (with HOA1) and the Robson Cup .
2. Added the Knuth Tournament Point Score (TPS) system. The TPS assigns points (5,4,3,2,1) to the best net scores in each of the five events listed above. The points are carried on the books for twenty-four months. If a player accumulates 7 points over a two year period, his handicap for an M-PMGA T score event will be reduced by two shots. Each two additional points earned by a player in this two year period would result in an additional stroke being subtracted from his handicap for an M-MPGA T score event.

Corrections to posted scores:

Corrections to scores entered in the Handicap Data Base made be made by completing the forms available at the terminals at Mountain View and The Preserve, or; by contacting the Handicap Chairman (rogerbedard@wbhsi.net) directly. The Chairman maintains a 24-hour watch on his e-mail account and can correct the Handicap Data Base immediately.

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