



July 27, 2018

Dear Members,

We hope that you all are enjoying summer (which finally arrived in mid-June) at Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club. Despite the recent warm, dry weather the course is in solid shape heading into the 2nd half of the summer.

Although this is the initial letter to the Membership this new year, The Golf Committee now under the direction of Director of Golf, Brett Gilmore and his PGA qualified staff has re-established a Handicap Committee for its Members. As in the past, the primary goal of the Handicap Committee is to promote golf in accordance with USGA rules and to educate everyone on their responsibility regarding the handicap system and process.

The USGA Handicap System charges the Handicap Committee with the responsibility of making certain that a player's USGA Handicap Index reflects his/her potential scoring ability. Fair handicapping depends upon full and accurate information regarding a player's potential scoring ability as reflected by a complete scoring record. Every player must be responsible for returning all acceptable scores, as defined in USGA Rule 5 (which you can request a copy of from the Pro Shop).

Every acceptable score should be entered in order to maintain an accurate handicap. The USGA handicap calculations will average everything out. After playing your round and determining your Adjusted Gross Score (AGS), this number should be entered into the handicap computer outside the pro shop with the date, tee and notation whether it was a home, away or tournament score. Scores should be entered on the actual date of play, but players are considered to be in compliance if your scores are entered before the next semi-monthly handicap update occurs. If the Club computer is down you can either give your AGS with detail information to the pro shop staff and they will post it for you or you can post at the GHIN website from your home computer or on the GHIN app on your smart phone or tablet.



Under the following circumstances it may be necessary for the Handicap Committee to make adjustments to the player's USGA Handicap Index.

- Failure to post (**most frequent problem**)
- Failure to post scores accurately
- Numerous away scores that changes Handicap Index
- Player manipulates round (**e.g. does not try to make the best score on every hole**)
- Temporary disability
- Improving faster than the system can react
- Exceptional tournament scores

Please note, your Handicap Committee regularly reviews rounds played compared to rounds posted. Let's just say we can improve our timely and accurate posting of ALL rounds played. Although there are those who don't compete in any Club events or tournaments, posting is still important as a measure of your playing ability. If you compete in Club events, the accuracy of your Handicap Index is imperative for a fair and enjoyable competition whether the event is at Ocean Edge or away.

If a player repeatedly fails to meet his responsibilities under the USGA Handicap System, the Handicap Committee will notify the player via a written letter. If the behavior is not corrected the Handicap Committee may withdraw a player's USGA Handicap Index or make any appropriate adjustment to the player's Handicap Index. Before an adjustment becomes effective or any action is taken, the Handicap Committee shall give the player an opportunity to explain the circumstances surrounding the proposed adjustment, either in writing or by appearing before the Handicap Committee.

Although these policies may seem severe the Handicap Committee believes this will ensure competitions are fair for all players and their guests and will help maintain a healthy and enjoyable golf environment for everyone.



We hope that you enjoy all the benefits of our great course, its membership and our community during the 2018 season. I encourage you to reach out to Brett, his staff, myself or anyone on the Committee if you have any questions or suggestions as to how we can better the handicap system at our Club. We welcome your input and look forward to your comments.

Hit 'em straight!

Sincerely,

Handicap Committee

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Susan Blake
John Kelliher
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