

## 2020 Handicap Procedures

Dear Golfer,

The following important information about the Handicap System should be reviewed by all members. Please retain this document for future reference.

1. New Members – Obtaining a Handicap

Whether or not you have a USGA Handicap Index (via GHIN or another system), you should contact the Pro Shop to get all the data processed in time for the beginning of the Golf Season, April 1. If you want to play in the GAP team matches on April 18, April 26 and May 3, our Pro Shop needs to provide GAP with certain information by April 1.

2. Post All Scores During Golf Season.

Golf season in our area runs from April 1 through November 14<sup>th</sup>. You are required to post all scores during this period where you play your own ball. Important: In match play where you “pick up” on certain holes, you still must post a score. (See 16 below)

3. Maximum Score on Any Hole.

Maximum score that can be posted on any hole is: Net Double Bogey (i.e. double bogey plus any entitled stroke for that hole). Always enter actual score for each hole on the scorecard. Make the adjustment when posting your score.

4. General Posting Procedures

- Post all home and away scores
- Post scores immediately, prior to midnight. (See #5 below)
- Post the date of the round played if different from date posted
- Post all Nine-Hole scores (Designate front or back)
- Post score if 14 or more holes played (take par plus handicap entitled stroke for the missing holes)
- Post “I” for all scores posted via the Internet.
- Solo (playing alone) scores may not be posted.

5. Penalty Score for Failure To Post Round within 24 Hours

Coatesville members are required to post all scores within 24 hours of playing during golf season. In cases of non-compliance the Handicap Committee will post a Penalty Score for that golfer, defined in Section 8-4 (iv) of the USGA Handicap Manual (usga.org “Handicaps”). The manual states that all scores should be posted immediately after each round at the course played.

6. Pro Shop Posting Certain Scores

The Pro Shop may announce that for certain tournaments it will be posting scores for tournament participants. Nevertheless, it is still your responsibility to make certain that the score has been posted and that it is accurate.

7. Posting “Away” Scores

All rounds played away from CCC must be posted. Include slope, rating and date.

8. Where and How to Post Scores

- Rounds played at CCC: at the GHIN computer in Men Locker Room.
- Rounds played at other courses: at the away course, if it is linked to the GHIN Handicapping System or at CCC GHIN computer.

9. Online Posting of Scores

Golf scores can be posted online via GHIN.COM, "Post on Line". Coatesville Country Club has adopted the following policy for posting scores online:

- a. Players are encouraged to post scores immediately after play at the course computer terminal where they have just played.
- b. Posting via the Internet is expected to be used only occasionally where circumstances prevent at course posting.
- c. Any score posted online must be designated with an "I". As always, also indicate date, tees, rating and slope.

10. Away/Active Season Scores

All scores of Club members who play over the winter in active season areas, e.g. Florida, Arizona, California must be posted within 24 hours of playing (See 5 above). These scores can be posted: (1) at the away course (if linked to GHIN); (2) given to one of CCC's Golf Pros or (3) via the Internet. As with all away scores, include slope, rating and date.

11. Peer Pressure

We have learned that rules and regulations must be strongly supplemented by peer pressure. Peer Pressure means that you will bring possible violations of the handicap system to the attention of the player(s) in question and/or to the Handicap Committee.

12. Handicap Committee

Section 8 of the USGA Handicap System mandates that every golf club shall have a Handicap Committee "to ensure the integrity of the handicap it uses" and "to make certain that the members comply with the USGA Handicap System."

13. Handicapping Information Online

USGA.ORG Includes the USGA Handicap System Manual, which is the primary source for the player handicaps, the handicapping system and the course rating and slope.

GAPGOLF.ORG "GHIN Handicapping" addresses a number of handicap matters and permits you to access your USGA Handicap Index and last 20 posted scores.

GHIN.COM Enables you to see the USGA Handicap Index and last 20 scores of any player in the nation.

14. "Sloping" Your USGA Handicap Index to Another Course

Every golf course has a slope and a rating. Coatesville's White tee slope is 125. On the slope chart a 16.1 Index would convert to a Course Handicap of 18. On a course with a 120 slope, a 16.1 Index would convert to a 20 handicap; on a course with a slope of 118 the handicap would be 17. An online course handicap calculator is located at USGA.ORG

“HANDICAPPING COURSE CALCULATOR.” A slope chart is posted at most Country Clubs.

15. “Picking Up” and Posting Scores”

In the interest of prompt play, you are encouraged to “pick up” whenever you are “out of the hole” in team play or match play, or if you are conceded a stroke. In that event, record the score you most likely would have made. See Section 4-1, USGA Handicap Manual for examples; see USGA.ORG. Important: In match or in team play where you “pick up” you still must post a score.

16. Special Eligibility Rule for Member-Member Tournament

To be eligible to enter the Net portion of the Member-Member (“Tournament”) every entrant must have posted ten (10) 18-hole scores (including combined nine-holes scores) since the date after the prior year Tournament.

17. Questions, Suggestions, Criticisms

Please contact the undersigned or CCC’s Golf Pro.

Good luck and best wishes for the 2020 Golf Season.

Sincerely,

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