

HANDICAP INFORMATION

PURPOSE: The purpose of the USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM is to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling golfers of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis.

A basic premise of the USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM: Every player will try to make the best score possible on each hole, in every round and on ANY golf course. On league play days, the league committee will post scores for your qualifying rounds. When you play outside of league play, it is critical that you post ALL qualifying rounds of golf played to maintain a true and valid handicap.

The Arizona Golf Association utilizes a program entitled the USGA Golf Handicap Information Network. (GHIN) to track and maintain its members USGA Handicaps and related information. Members of Arizona golf leagues are required to use this system for posting golf scores.

New members who are joining the NINERS will register online through the Arizona Golf Association website. At the time of joining a golfer with an existing GHIN number will use their existing number. For new members who do not have a GHIN number, the system will assign a unique GHIN number at the time of registration.

If a new member has an established Handicap Index linked to your existing GHIN number, the NINERS will use this established Handicap Index.

New members without an established Handicap Index are eligible to begin playing in league events once the receipt of their online registration and dues are confirmed. To establish a Handicap Index (GHIN) The golfer must post scores totaling 54 holes. This can be any combination of 9-hole or 18-hole scores (for example six 9-hole rounds), as long as the total equals at least 54 holes. Once these scores are posted, GHIN will calculate an initial Handicap Index. These rounds may be completed through league play or entered by the golfer for play outside of league days, or a combination of both. New members will not be eligible to win chits until a Handicap Index is established.

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