

# GREAT OAKS COUNTRY CLUB GOLF HANDICAP POLICY

The purpose of a Handicap System is to make the game of golf more enjoyable for golfers by providing a means of measuring one's performance and progress by establishing a Handicap Index. This index enables golfers of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis.

To play competitive golf events at Great Oaks, it is essential that each player conform to the responsibilities outlined below.

## PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ACCURATE POSTING OF SCORES

1. To maintain your index each golfer must try to make the best score on every hole and post every acceptable round both at Great Oaks and away courses. Following is an explanation as to what is required for accurate posting of scores. If you have any questions, the pro shop staff or the members of the handicap committee would be willing to assist you.
2. Each player must have a USGA/GAM number which they can get from the Pro Shop.
3. Each player must post all scores of rounds that have been played under the Rules of Golf. This posting can be done using the computers in the Men's and Ladies' Locker Rooms, the Pro Shop computer or online using a personal computer. A member of the Handicap Committee or the Pro Shop Staff can assist you in posting a score, if you are unfamiliar with the process.
4. If a player plays 7-12 holes, a "nine hole score" must be posted. If a player scores 13 or more holes, that player is required to post an "eighteen hole score".

To be acceptable for handicap purposes, a 9 or 18 hole score must meet the following requirement: scores for unplayed holes must be recorded as Par plus any handicap strokes that the player is entitled to receive on unplayed holes.

For example: A player with a Course Handicap of 30 stops playing after 16 holes because of darkness. Hole 17 is a par 3...and is the number 18 *handicap stroke hole*. The player will record 3 (par) plus 1 handicap-stroke for an x-4 on hole 17. Hole 18 is a par 4 and is the number 10 *handicap stroke hole*. The player will record a 4 (par) plus 2 handicap strokes for an x-6 on hole 18. (The X donates that the player picked up or did not play all of his strokes.)

5. Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) sets a maximum number of strokes that a player can post on any hole based upon the player's current Course Handicap.

See the ESC chart below:

| 18 Hole Course<br>Handicap | Maximum ESC Score<br>Recorded On Any Hole |
|----------------------------|---|
| 9 or less                  | Double Bogey                              |
| 10 through 19              | 7   |
| 20 through 29              | 8   |
| 30 through 39              | 9   |
| 40 or more                 | 10  |

6. All scores should be posted within 24 hours of the round's completion. This should also include all scores at other courses at any time of the year. Scores on club sponsored events will be posted by the Pro Shop staff and do not need to be posted by the player.