

**Arrowhead Women's Golf Association
Handicapping Policies & Procedures
Notice to Members Effective March 1, 2023**

The Handicap Committee, appointed by officers of our golf club, is responsible for all aspects of the World Handicap System. Our Committee includes a Handicap Chair who has been certified by the Oregon Golf Association. We are obligated and committed to ensure the integrity of each Handicap Index we issue. In the interest of fairness, and because we are compelled by our license with the OGA/USGA, we will provide education as well as uphold the R&A USGA Rules of Golf and the World Handicap System. While this sounds very serious, these regulations are required so our club can assure equity in our games. More equity equals more fun!

The Handicap Committee has set forth the following policies and procedures, per OGA/USGA guidelines, for all members carrying USGA Handicap Indexes:

- Each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played.
- All acceptable rounds must be posted for peer review.
- Scores must be posted on the day of play.
- The principles of the Rules of Golf must be followed.
- Each individual is responsible for posting her own score, unless the holder of an event assumes responsibility for posting scores.
- The committee will conduct a random audit of tee sheets against GHIN postings and monitor that scores are being posted on the day of play. If a score did not get posted, the Committee will email the player to verify if individual played and remind her to post score.

*All *acceptable scores must be posted using one of the following methods:* (Random audits will be performed) • Posting computer at our golf course

- Posting computer at any golf course when playing away
- **www.ghin.com**
- GHIN mobile app
- Returned to the Handicap Committee/Chair for posting

**Unacceptable Scores Include:*

- When fewer than seven holes are played;
- When made on a golf course in an area in which an inactive season established by the authorized golf association is in effect;
- When the length of the course is less than 3,000 yards for 18 holes (or less than 1,500 yards for 9 holes);
- When, as a condition of the competition, the maximum number of clubs allowed is less than 14, or types of clubs are limited as, for example, in a competition that allows only iron clubs;
- When scores are made on a course with no USGA Course Rating or Slope Rating;
- When a player uses non-conforming clubs, non-conforming balls, or non-conforming tees;
- With respect to Rule 4-3 (RA & USGA Rules of Golf), when an artificial device or piece of unusual equipment is used during the execution of a stroke or when equipment is used in an unusual manner during the execution of a stroke;
- When a player plays alone;
- When a player ignores one or more Rules of Golf and fails to post an adjusted hole score as required under World Handicap System Rule 4-1 and 4-2, or fails to record the appropriate penalty for a breach of rule. For example, if a player anchored the club while making a stroke during a

