

USGA Handigram Number 3

ACCEPTABILITY OF SCORES: TO POST OR NOT TO POST

A PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY

The following are acceptable scores and must be posted for handicap posting purposes:

- Post scores when at least seven holes are played (7-12 holes are posted as a 9-hole score; 13 or more are posted as an 18-hole score). Holes not played are posted as par plus any handicap strokes to which the player is entitled.
- Post scores made in an area observing an active season.
- Post scores made under *The Rules of Golf*.
- Post scores on all courses with a valid USGA Course Rating™ and Slope Rating®.
- Post scores in all forms of competition: match play, stroke play, and team competitions where players play their own ball.* Check with the committee to see if the score is posted as a tournament (T) score.
- Post scores played under the local rule of “preferred lies.”
- Post scores when a player is disqualified from a competition but still has an acceptable score for handicap purposes (e.g. failure to sign a score card).

*This does not mean holes physically completed (see Section 4-1).

The following are unacceptable scores for handicap posting purposes:

- Do not post scores when fewer than seven holes are played.
- Do not post scores made on a golf course in an area which an inactive season established by the authorized golf association is in effect (e.g. New York in December).
- Do not post scores made when a majority of the holes are not played in accordance with the principles of *The Rules of Golf*.
- Do not post scores when the length of the course is less than 3,000 yards for 18 holes (or 1,500 yards for nine holes).
- Do not post scores 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.
- Do not post scores when scores are made on a course with no USGA Course Rating or Slope Rating (e.g. on a foreign golf course that has not been licensed by the USGA to utilize the USGA Course Rating System™).
- Do not post scores when a player carries or uses non-conforming clubs or uses non-conforming balls or tees.
- Do not post scores when artificial devices (as defined under Rule 14-3) are used *during* the execution of a stroke (e.g. a towel placed under the arms during the execution of a stroke).