

BACKGROUND:

To be a NCGA certificated course the course rating, slope and hole handicaps must be established by the NCGA staff. This allows members to obtain a GHIN (Golf Handicap and Information Network) number. This GHIN number enables golfers to post scores under the USGA Handicap System and GHIN tracks those scores and updates the golfers' handicap indexes.

PROCESS:

To ensure accurate handicap indexes are maintained, GHIN members must post scores from certified courses playing certified holes. This is why LOPMGC members playing at LOP must post their scores from NCGA certified LOP holes.

OPTIONS:

- 1) When a hole or holes are taken out of service, LOPMGC members could skip the hole(s) and record a score that reflects net par. This would mean that only 17 or 16 holes would constitute a round of golf, but the score posted would reflect 18 holes played.

- 2) When a hole or holes are taken out of service LOPMGC members could play an alternate / temporary hole(s). This would enable members to complete 18 physical holes for their round of golf. However, for GHIN handicapping services, the temporary / uncertified holes can not be used. Thus, a score that reflects net pars must be recorded for the holes out of service.

CONCLUSION:

Since LOPMGC members have the luxury of 19 holes and soon to be 20 holes, it has been decided that all tournaments will physically play 18 holes and the results of those 18 holes will determine "tournament" scores. However, when these tournament scores are posted into the GHIN system for handicap purposes, scores resulting in net pars must be recorded for the holes out of service.

LOPMGC members playing casual rounds MUST abide by option 1 or option 2. If it is found that an incorrect score has been posted, that member will have an invalid handicap and may be required to use a restricted handicap for club tournaments.

EXAMPLE FOR POSTING:

You shot a 90 and took a 6 on Alt. 9. Alt. 9 is taking the place of #7 (18 handicap), so you post

- 87 if your handicap is 0 to 17 (your score representing net par on #7 is a 3)
- 88 if your handicap is 18 to 35 (your score representing net par on #7 is a 4)
- 89 if your handicap is 36 or higher (your score representing net par on #7 is a 5)