

# Acceptable Scores

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## **Acceptability of Scores for Handicap Posting**

The scores a player submits for handicap purposes are at the core of the calculation of their handicap index. A score must satisfy certain conditions for it to be acceptable for handicap purposes, providing confidence that it will produce reasonable evidence of the player's playing ability and ultimately a Handicap Index reflective of demonstrated ability.

## **Acceptable Scores**

A score is acceptable for handicap purposes if the round has been played:

- In an authorized format of play, over at least the minimum number of holes required for either a 9-hole or an 18-hole score to be acceptable,
- In the company of at least one other person, who may also act as a marker,
- By the Rules of Golf,
- On a golf course with a current Course Rating and Slope Rating.

## **Scores Not Acceptable for Handicap Purposes:**

Some formats of play and scores are not acceptable for handicap purposes and must not be posted to a player's scoring record.

- While being coached on the course
- When using non-conforming equipment
- When the number or type of golf clubs is restricted
- When playing alone and score cannot be verified by another person. Note: anyone accompanying a golfer during a round, (e.g. caddie, friend not playing) would make the score acceptable
- Not playing the required number of holes
- When a player does not play their own ball (for example a scramble)
- When scores are made on a course with no USGA Course Rating or Slope Rating
- Breaches the Rules of Golf and the correct penalty is not applied under the Rules of Golf, or deliberately ignores a Rule of Golf

The above list is not exhaustive and if a player is in doubt as to the acceptability of a score, it is recommended to check with the RHGC Handicap Committee.

For more information see these resources from WHS/USGA:

Poster: [Scores Acceptable for Handicap Purposes](#)

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Full Rule: [3.1 Acceptability of Scores](#)