



## How to use the EWGA Golf Life Management System (GLMS) to establish your official USGA Handicap Index (a free benefit of your EWGA membership)

For any golfer, your handicap represents the number of strokes you normally score above par. Using the USGA handicap system is designed to level the playing field for any type of competition between players. It is important to note that the handicap used for league play is not the same as the handicap index recorded through the EWGA GLMS.

### NEW Instructions for Returning Members

After you renew your membership, you must reactivate/  
renew your Handicap Service before you can use it.

Follow the instruction below under item: 2.b.

If you are new to establishing your handicap index through the GLMS, you will need to record a minimum of five (5) 18-hole scores or ten (10), 9-hole scores before your handicap index is computed.

1. Log on to: [www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com) or you can access it through your Canton Chapter Web Site
2. Click on 'Handicap Service' then 'Activate Handicap' (on the left). Follow these instructions:
  - A. New Users of the GLMS
    - a. Send an email to [handicap@myewga.com](mailto:handicap@myewga.com)
    - b. Include your EWGA member number, first and last name, and your request to activate the service
    - c. Once you are activated, you will receive an email confirmation
  - B. Renewing Users of the GLMS
    - a. Send an email to [handicap@myewga.com](mailto:handicap@myewga.com)
    - C. Include your EWGA member number, first and last name, and your request to continue the service
    - a. A confirmation email will be sent when the service is renewed

After you receive your confirmation, you may begin using the GLMS.

- Log on to EWGA National
- Click on Member Login, then select *Handicap Service* on the left-hand navigation bar.
- On the EWGA home page under MEMBERS, click on *Handicap Service*, then *Post a Score*.

AND...be sure to complete/update your **member profile** with all the correct information. Thanks.

3. Enter the date of the golf event played
4. Select the Course name  
When you record your score, you will need the rating and slope for the course and the set of tees you played, usually found on the score card. This information will need to be filled in ONLY if the course is not already listed in the 'Course Library'.
5. Select the Holes Played (9 or 18)
6. Disregard the 'Type of Play'
7. Select the appropriate Tee Box (usually 'red' or 'forward')
8. Enter your total score  
You will need to adjust your score under Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) guidelines before posting it. All scores for handicap purposes, including *tournament scores*, are subject to the application of *Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)*. This mandatory procedure reduces high hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability. A handicap determined from scores to which *ESC* has not been applied may not be termed a *Handicap Index*.

*ESC* is used when a player's actual or *most likely score* exceeds a maximum number, based on the table below, for the player's *Course Handicap* from the tees played. (For nine-hole *Equitable Stroke Control* table, See Section 10-5c.)

Equitable Stroke Control			
18-Hole Course Handicap	Maximum Number on Any Hole	9-Hole Course Handicap	Maximum Number on Any Hole
9 or less	Double Bogey	4 or less	Double Bogey
10 thru 19	7	5 thru 9	7
20 thru 29	8	10 thru 14	8
30 thru 39	9	15 thru 19	9
40 or more	10	20 or more	10

*Example:* A player with a nine-hole *Course Handicap* of 12 must adjust to a maximum score of 8 for any hole, regardless of *par*. There is no limit to the number of individual hole scores on which an *ESC* reduction may be made. The maximum 9-hole Handicap Index is 18.2 for men and 20.2 for women.

9. Click on the red "Post Score" button
10. That's all. Repeat the process to enter another score. When done, log off EWGA.

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