

# Lake Monticello Golf Club Handicap Policy

**Establishing a handicap index:** In order to participate in competitive club events and for the club to be able to verify your handicap for events outside the club, you must request a GHIN (Golf Handicap and Information Network) number from the Pro Shop. There is an annual fee associated with maintaining a handicap index. After posting five scores to your GHIN record, the Pro Shop will establish a handicap index for you.

**Post all scores within 48 hours:** All players are responsible for posting scores within 48 hours of the date played with the following exceptions:

- a. Events where individual scores are not kept due to the format of the event such as a scramble, shamble, etc. where the player does not play his/her ball for the totality of the round.
- b. Disqualified rounds – those not played in accordance with the United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules of Golf.

**Where to post:** Posting to the GHIN site can be done in the Pro Shop, from a home computer or via a mobile app on a smartphone. A scorecard must include the date, tees played, total gross and adjusted scores (i.e. reduce any hole score when it is higher than the maximum number of strokes allowed under Equitable Stroke Control), and the scorekeeper signature.

**Maintaining a handicap index:** In order to participate in competitive club events and for the club to be able to verify your handicap for events outside the club, you must maintain a current and valid handicap index.

**Adjusting a handicap index:** The Handicap Committee will perform random reviews and may adjust a player's Handicap Index under certain circumstances to include: temporary disability; repeated failures to post; player manipulating one or more rounds; and continued violations of Sections 5-1e (unacceptable scores). If a player is dissatisfied with any action taken by the Handicap Committee, the player may appeal the action.

**Leaving the course without completing a round:** If the player does not complete the round, it is the player's responsibility to post an 18-hole score for the round if 13 or more holes were completed or a 9-hole score if 7 to 12 holes were completed. Scores for holes not completed must be recorded as par plus any handicap strokes that the player is entitled to receive on those holes.

Handicap Committee

Approved by: Lake Monticello Golf Committee

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