

Grand Haven Men's Golf Association Score Entry Policy

Ensuring each player carries an accurate handicap index is critical to ensuring that the weekly MGA games are conducted fairly. The prompt and accurate entry of scores by each MGA player is critical to compiling an accurate handicap index. Therefore, each player must enter his scores promptly and accurately for the MGA's goal of fairly conducted weekly games, tournaments and Shootouts to be achieved. Accordingly, the MGA Board is adopting the following guidelines to ensure players comply with the requirement to enter scores in the GHIN handicap system.

1. Each player should enter his score on the day of play and MUST enter his score no later than noon on the Thursday following play such that the Grand Haven Handicap Committee can audit the scores, comparing the score posted in GHIN to the score entered on the player's scorecard and printed in the weekly MGA Results.
2. Failure to post a score by the Thursday noon deadline or posting an incorrect score result in the same set of corrective actions as set forth below:
 - a. The first incident within an MGA season of an incorrect or missing post results in a reminder email from the Tournament Director. In response to this email, the player is expected to post a missing score on the correct date or contact the club professional to correct an incorrect post by the Saturday following the day of play such that the player's handicap for the next week's play includes the accurate posted score.
 - b. In addition to the reminder email, the second incident results in a formal warning. Once again, the player is expected to post a missing score or contact the club professional to correct an incorrect post by the Saturday following the day of play such that the player's handicap for the next week's play includes the accurate posted score.
 - c. In addition to the reminder email, the third incident will initiate a progressive series of penalties. Any Shootout points earned for the week will be deleted from the player's record and any pro shop credits earned by the player will be deleted from the credit book.
 - d. The fourth incident will include the same penalties and will also disqualify the player from participating in the seasonal Shootout. The board may, at its discretion, also declare the player ineligible for the season-ending tournament (President's Cup, Boys of Summer or Holiday Tournament).
3. At the conclusion of the MGA season, as defined by the completion of the applicable tournament event, the process restarts with step 2a above.
4. If a player believes he has posted correctly or was justified in missing the posting deadline, he may appeal to the MGA Board, starting with the Tournament Director, for a deletion of the reminder, warning or penalty.
5. This policy only applies to the posting of scores from the Wednesday MGA events. However, should the Handicap Committee recommend or take action against an MGA player outside of the MGA's purview for handicap violations, the MGA Board may, at its discretion, impose additional penalties.