

2023-24 Handicap Committee Update

As of Monday October 16th, the Handicap Committee began monitoring score postings versus Tee Times booked. We do this to ensure all our golfers have accurate and up to date handicaps. If a Tee Time was booked but no score posted the golfer will receive a "Reminder to Post" email.

Please read below to learn the improvements we've made and your responsibility as a golfer here at Pelican Sound.

We have new software to greatly simplify our tracking of scores posted into the Handicap System versus Tee Times booked. The highlights are:

- A two-day lookback before sending a Reminder to Post email allowing next day postings if you forgot.
- A link within the Reminder to Post email for the golfer to let us know they did not play an acceptable round for posting.
- A link within the Reminder to Post email to bring any comments, questions or concerns to the Handicap Committee.
- The committee will have all the information and reporting needed to ensure our members have up to date and accurate Handicaps.

The golfer needs to know:

- All acceptable rounds should be posted on the day of play before midnight. If missed the round should still be posted even if late.
- No need to post unacceptable rounds like Scrambles, Shambles, Alternate Stroke, playing more than one ball, playing alone, not playing by the Rules of Golf, unable to complete at least 7-holes, etc. If you played an unacceptable round, you will receive a "Reminder to Post" email. Just click the link on that email to let the handicap committee know you played an unacceptable round, and your round will not be labeled as a non-post.
- When posting your score use the USGA Maximum Score per hole rule of "Net Double Bogey". Net Double Bogey is the Par for the hole plus 2 strokes plus however many strokes you would receive on that hole based on your Handicap and the Handicap Index for that hole. Example: a par 4 hole where you would get 1 stroke the Net Double Bogey is 7. The easiest way to do this is to post your gross score hole-by-hole in the GHIN app and the app will make the adjustments for you.
- When a player starts a hole but does not hole out for a valid reason, the player must record their *most likely score* or *net double bogey*, whichever is lower.
- For incomplete rounds at least 7 holes played qualifies for a 9-hole score and 14 holes played qualifies for an 18-hole score. For the un-played holes, you enter a score equal to the par for the hole plus any strokes you would have received based on your Handicap and the Handicap Index for those holes.

If you have any questions on the Handicap System and your roles and responsibilities, please email the committee at: [**pelsndgolfhncp@gmail.com**](mailto:pelsndgolfhncp@gmail.com)