

There are several changes to the GHIN handicap rules for 2024.

Here are two of the more significant changes:

1. Treatment of 9 holes scores

- a. In the past, when you played 9 holes, once you posted that score, the GHIN system would wait for another 9 hole score to be entered to combine it with and then post the two 9 hole scores to your handicap record.
- b. Starting in 2024, when you play 9 holes, once you post that score, the GHIN system will automatically calculate an 18 hole differential and post the score. This “expected 18 hole differential” will be based on your 9 hole score and your handicap index.
- c. GHIN has accumulated over 7 million scores in its database and will run algorithms “behind the scenes” to calculate what your expected 18 hole score differential will be.

2. Treatment when less than 9 holes or 18 holes are played

- a. In the past, when you played at least 7 holes but less than 9 holes, NET par was used for the holes not played – then you entered that score.
- b. In the past, when you played at least 14 holes but less than 18 holes, NET par was used for the holes not played – then you entered that score.
- c. Starting in 2024,
 - i. if you play 8 holes or less, you do not enter a score.
 - ii. If you play 9 holes, you enter a 9 hole score – preferably hole-by-hole.
 - iii. If you play 10 thru 17 holes, you enter all holes played (hole-by-hole) and GHIN will calculate an 18 hole score for you and post that score.
 - iv. If you play 18 holes, you enter an 18 hole score – preferably hole-by-hole.

Also, remember that any rounds played alone cannot be entered for GHIN – this is not a change from prior years – just a reminder.