

# 2024 PRINCIPAL CHANGES

CHANGE FOR '24

Score used when  
hole(s) not played

Treatment of 9-hole  
scores

Guidance on use of  
Allowances

Handicap Review  
reporting tools

New minimum length  
of golf course

750 Yards for 9 Holes &  
1500 yards for 18 Holes



Q: 13

# Key Handicapping Changes for 2024

Golfing all 18 holes? No Changes

9-17 holes receive an 18-hole differential

1. Holes Not Played? **No longer use NET PAR**
  - Hole Started but not Completed: **MOST LIKELY SCORE**
  - **Not started:** Post in GHIN Hole-by-Hole & leave hole score **BLANK**
2. You **must play at least 9 Rated Holes** to Post (*Front or back 9*) \*\*
3. Play 10-17 / **MUST** Post Hole-By Hole in GHIN
  - Recommend ALWAYS posting hole-by-hole.
    - While golfing or
    - Upon completion of your round if preferred but
    - ALWAYS post **Same Day** as played

**\*\*Construction or Ongoing Hole Closures? Questions?**

**Contact RDGA Office @ 585-292-5950**

# GHIN POSTING MESSAGES

Post Hole-by-Hole Score Post Score

Total

You have not entered a score for every hole. If you post your score, it will receive an 18-hole Score Differential used for your Handicap Index.

Cancel Post Anyway

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Yards	432	296	119	488	148	318	131	249	299	117					
Par	5	4	3	5	5	4	3	4	4	3					
Stroke Index	5	17	13	1	4	14	12	18	2	10					
Score	8	5	3	9	8	6	3	7	2						
Adj. Score	8	5	3	9	6	6	4	7	7	55	8	6	3	7	2

Done

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 ✕

Post Hole-by-Hole Score

Total Adj. Score: 92 ⓘ | To Par: +31

You must enter a score for at least 9 holes of the same side (e.g. Front 9, Back 9) in order to post your score.

OK

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GPS POST SCORE

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## Rule 5.1b

# 9-HOLE SCORES: BENEFITS

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### CONSISTENT

It produces a consistent Score Differential based on the Handicap Index and avoids volatility seen with the previous treatment of 9-hole scores.



### RESPONSIVE

It provides responsive Handicap Index revisions and allows players to reach a full scoring record of 20 scores more quickly.



### EQUITABLE

The new method provides a better indication of what the player would have scored on the second 9 (using player equations rather than net par) and should result in a more equitable Handicap Index.



### INCLUSIVE

It is welcoming to players who typically play 9 holes of golf on a given day. For example, this could be due to preference, time available, or participation in a league.