

# Scoring & Scorekeeping

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The Scorer is the player (or players) assigned by the committee in each foursome to record the scores of others in the group in a legible manner on the scorecards provided. It is the scorer's responsibility to record the scores verbally told to him by the Players. The Scorer is not a referee, but if he knowingly records an incorrect lower score for any Player, both the Player and the Scorer will be disqualified. All Players are expected to keep their own scores independently. Players are responsible for attesting to their own score kept by the Scorer.

## Posting Scores

### Men's Club Scores

When you participate in events with the Men's Club, or with one of Men's Club outings, we will automatically adjust your scores according to the USGA Equitable Scoring Control Procedures. We will also enter the adjusted score in the GHIN system for you. You do not need to enter any of these scores into the GHIN system.

When playing with the Men's club you must ALWAYS write down your total gross score on each hole (without adjustment), and we will adjust it for you later on. This insures that all members are competing fairly using scores that are adjusted according to proper USGA Scoring Rules and Procedures.

## Posting Your Away Scores

### Score Adjustments Using Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)

When posting your away scores, you must adjust your total to reflect the hole-by-hole changes according to the procedures set out by the USGA for Equitable Stroke Control.

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is the system put in place by the USGA to eliminate the effect of “disaster holes.” You know that one hole per round where you put three balls in the water and then 5-putt. It’s also a way to combat those pernicious sandbaggers who might intentionally blow up on a hole in order to raise their handicaps.

Equitable Stroke Control puts a limit on the number of strokes you can take for any one hole, based on your course handicap. For example, on that one disaster hole you might have taken 10 strokes to get the ball in the cup. But based on your course handicap, ESC might require you to post only a “7” on that hole. Recording the “10” will affect your handicap incorrectly. The handicap index is not meant to reflect your average score; it’s meant to reflect your best potential.

To determine the Equitable Stroke Control limits for your round, you must first know your course handicap. Once you’ve determined your course handicap, you can check the chart down below to determine the ESC limits.

#### Equitable Stroke Control Chart

Your Handicap Maximum Score

0-9 Double Bogey

10-19 7

20-29 8

30-39 9

40 or more 10

## Posting Your Adjusted Away Scores

You can post your Adjusted Away Scores in a number of ways:

Post Them Online at MGA.org

Log In to the Members Area and use the link to post your score (this will show your GHIN number)

Post Them using the computer in the Pine Hills Locker Room

Post Them using a computer located at another Golf Course

Email Them to Tommy (Be sure to include the Adjusted Score, Course Name & Tee’s you played from)