



# Handicap - FAQs

**Q1 How do I establish a handicap with EWGA-OC?**

A1 There are two different ways. One way is through EWGA HQ and Golf Life Management System (GLMS). There is no additional charge for this handicapping service; it is included with your membership. Or you can opt for handicapping through the WSCGA, a local golf association, for a fee of \$26.

**Q2 What's the difference between the two systems?**

A2 The WSCGA offers a more traditional handicapping service. It is easy and accurate. You post your rounds at a computer at the golf course. GLMS is web-based; you will post your rounds on a personal computer. The system is slow, cumbersome and inaccurate. The choice is yours.

**Q3 How do I apply for a handicap?**

A3 For WSCGA: Fill out the application available through the ewgoc.org web site. Click on "Members Only". Type in the ID and password. (This was provided in your membership packet.) Click on WSCGA "Handicap Application Form". The form is entitled "Maintenance Form". Print out the form. Fill out the form. Make a check in the amount of \$26 payable to the "WSCGA". Send the check and the application to:

Kitty Curley  
EWGA-OC Handicap Chair  
628 Daisy Ave #305  
Long Beach, CA 90802

The handicap chair will sign the form and send it to the WSCGA for processing.

For GLMS: you activate your account via the EWGA HQ web site, *Members Only* section, which will provide a link to the Golf Life Management System. You will use your EWGA member number and establish a password. Instructions on how to activate you account are available at: [http://www.ewga.com/5Golf\\_Education/glms/activate.htm](http://www.ewga.com/5Golf_Education/glms/activate.htm)  
Instructions on how to post a round are available at:  
[http://www.ewga.com/5Golf\\_Education/glms/post-a-score.htm](http://www.ewga.com/5Golf_Education/glms/post-a-score.htm)

**Q4 I don't have a computer or I am unable to download the handicap application. How can I get an application?**

A4 Then you should get your handicap through the WSCGA. Contact Kitty Curley at (562) 436-1757 or [kittythegolfer@verizon.net](mailto:kittythegolfer@verizon.net) . Provide your mailing address and an application will be sent to you.

**Q5 What do I do with my score cards?**

A5 There is a section on the WSCGA handicap application for recording your scores, and the Course Rating and Slope. Please provide this information when applying for a handicap. On the GLMS, you will input your scores. On either system, it is not necessary to send in the cards themselves.

**Q6 Course Rating? Slope? What does this mean?**

A6 Course Rating is the measurement of the playing difficulty of a course for a scratch golfer under normal course and weather conditions. Slope is a measurement of a player's potential scoring ability on a course relative to the scoring ability of a scratch golfer. A golf course with a standard relative playing difficulty has a slope of 113

**Q7 What happens once the WSCGA processes my application?**

A7 Once processed through the WSCGA, you will be assigned and mailed a card with your “member number” (different from your EWGA member number). You will use this member number to post the score for each and every round of golf you play. Even the rounds you would rather forget. Each month, the WSGA will send you a card with that month’s handicap index.

**Q8 What does it mean to “post a score”?**

A8 For WSCGA handicaps, golf courses have computers used for posting scores shot at that course. They are most often in the course pro shop, occasionally in the bar or the ladies locker room. Towards the end of the month, the data will be uploaded to the handicap computation service and processed by local associations such as the WSCGA. The posting process is user friendly, but a course employee or fellow EWGA-OC member can guide you through, should you have any questions.

For GLMS handicaps, see Q and A number 3 for access to posting instructions.

**Q9 What happens if the computer is down or the pro shop is closed and I can’t get to the computer? How do I post my round?**

A9 For WSCGA, it is always preferable to post on the course computer. However, if unavailable, there are two methods. 1) Use the “Away” form, which is also available through the ewgoc.org website at “Members Only”. Fill out the requisite information; member name, number, date of round, score, course rating, slope and course name. Mail or fax the form directly to the WSCGA; there is no need to go through the EWGA-OC handicap chair. Or 2) Internet post your round on the WSCGA web site: <http://www.womensgolf.org/netPost/> You will need to establish a password, but this is also a user friendly system.

**Q10 How many rounds of golf does it take to establish a handicap?**

A10 It takes a minimum of 5 rounds to establish a handicap. Ultimately, your handicap will be based on the best 10 out of the last 20 rounds of golf you played.

**Q11 Can 9 hole rounds be used for establishing a handicap?**

A11 Yes, nine hole rounds can be posted and used for handicapping. When another 9 hole round is played, it will be combined with your next nine hole round to form an 18 hole score. A “C” on your handicap card will note the combined 9 hole scores. The 9 hole rounds need not be played consecutively, in fact, can take place months apart.

**Q12 What does the term “adjusted score” mean?**

A12 Once you establish a handicap, you will use Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) to adjust the score you post. ESC is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicapping purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player’s potential ability. In other words, your handicap isn’t harmed or made worse by having a blowup hole or two. Handicapping is all about your scoring potential. You would post based on the table below.

<b>COURSE HANDICAP</b>	<b>MAXIMUM NUMBER ON ANY HOLE</b>
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10