

# Posting Requirement

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## RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PLAYER

1. **PLAYERS DO NOT POST** any SMGA EVENT SCORES. Posting will be done for you.
2. Members **MUST** post all acceptable rounds as defined in Handicap Rule 2.1 (other than rounds in SMGA events) as soon as possible after the round and before midnight local time. All scores posted must include any adjustments under Rule 3. **PLAYER** must post a score in accordance with the USGA Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) procedure. If 7-13 holes are completed, a 9 hole score is to be posted. If 14 or more holes are completed, an 18 hole score is to be posted. If 6 holes or fewer are played, do not post, but note that in the SMGA Posting Error notebook.
3. All players playing a format not in accordance with the principles of the Rules of Golf should note that in the SMGA Posting Error notebook. If a player realizes he has made a mistake in posting, he should note it in the SMGA Posting Error notebook.
4. **PLAYER** must post the correct date of play. If posting on other than the date of play, player must modify the date to specify the date the round was played.
5. **PLAYER** must post with a "T" when tournament director specifies the event as "T". All other events to be posted as "H."
6. Player must post away scores with an "A".
7. **PLAYER** must post the correct course that he played (using the appropriate slope and rating for a course not listed).

8. PLAYER must post the correct set of tees played.

### **Most Likely Score**

A “most likely score” is the score a player must post for handicap purposes if a hole is started but not completed or if the player is conceded a stroke. The most likely score consists of the number of strokes already taken plus. This number may not exceed the player’s Equitable Stroke Control limit.

### **PENALTIES**

1. A penalty score equal to the lowest handicap differential in the last 20 rounds (USGA 8.4.b.iv) will be posted by the handicap committee.
2. Repeated violations will result in additional penalty scores, SMGA Board review with the potential assignment of a revised handicap, suspension of playing privileges in SMGA events, and potential revocation of a player's handicap index.

### **APPEALING A PENALTY SCORE**

1. The individual may appeal the penalty score. This must be done in writing to the Handicap Committee. E-mail is the easiest and preferred method. If a member uses E-mail, please use the format of the PENALTY SCORE APPEAL FORM. A PENALTY SCORE APPEAL FORM can be obtained from the SMGA Posting Error notebook. The form can be filled out in lieu of Email and mailed to the handicap committee chairman. An example of the PENALTY SCORE APPEAL FORM appears below.
2. If further discussion is necessary a committee member will contact the individual. A determination will be made and the petitioning member will be advised as to the

outcome of the investigation. Only the Handicap Committee can remove a Penalty Score.

3. It is the general policy of the SMGA Board and the Handicap Committee to take the word of SMGA members. Repeated violations or negative input from SMGA peers will be considered on an individual basis.

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### **PENALTY SCORE APPEAL FORM**

Appeal form must be filed within 30 days of penalty score date.

I (name) \_\_\_\_\_ local number \_\_\_\_\_ received a penalty score dated \_\_\_\_\_. It was given to me as a result of (circle one):

1. I did not post a score correctly.
2. I posted the score but I posted it late and forgot to change the date.
3. I posted a "T" score instead of an "H" score or I posted an "H" score instead of a "T" score.
4. I entered an incorrect course combination.
5. I entered the wrong tees.