

QUAIL CREEK CC WOMEN (QCLGA)

2024 HANDICAPPING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The **QCLGA Handicap Committee** is responsible for ensuring compliance with the obligations under the World Handicap System in accordance with the *Rules of Handicapping* and the USGA. As a committee, we will verify that *acceptable scores* are posted for handicap purposes and made available for *peer review*. The *Handicap Committee* will perform random score audits and review *members scoring records* at least annually.

In addition, the *Handicap Committee* provides guidance to club officials and other club Committees to ensure players consistently have the ability to use their *Handicap Index* to compete, or play a recreational round, with anyone else on a fair and equal basis.

Our *Handicap Committee* consists of a *Committee Chairperson* and *two members in good standing with the QCLGA*. The *Handicap Committee* has set forth the following policies and procedures for all *members* wishing to establish and maintain a *Handicap Index* with our club.

- Maintain an active membership on the handicap roster of the club.
- Post all *acceptable scores*, including 9-hole rounds.
- Where applicable, proper adjustments must be applied to all scores for posting purposes, including *net double bogey* and most likely score.
- Each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played.

ACCEPTABLE SCORES

- A round must be played by the *Rules of Golf* to be acceptable for handicap purposes.
- A player is expected to attempt to make the best score possible at each hole (whether in general play or in competition).
- All acceptable scores must be posted to provide reasonable evidence of your demonstrated ability.

For an 18 Hole Score - a minimum of 10 holes must be played.

- If you play 10-17 holes and have not entered a score for every hole, you will receive an 18-hole Score Differential used for your Handicap Index.
- If you only play 10-17 holes, you **MUST** post that score hole-by-hole.

For a 9 Hole Score - all 9 holes must be played.

- If a player has not played at least 9 holes, the score is not acceptable for handicap purposes. An acceptable 9-hole score must be played over 9 holes with a current Course Rating and Slope Rating.
- The AZ Golf recommends that all acceptable scores be posted hole-by-hole.
- Scores made in match play, stroke play and team competition
- Scores made under Rule 3.2 when a hole is not played
- Scores made under Rule 3.3 when a player does not hole out
- Scores made if a player is disqualified from a competition but has an *acceptable score*.
- Scores made when played by the *Rules of Golf*

- Scores made when played on a course during its *active season*
- Scores made in the company of at least one other person, who can also act as a marker

The Tournament Committee automatically posts all post-able Thursday Ladies Day scores.

TIME FRAME FOR SUBMITTING A SCORE

All *acceptable scores* are to be posted as soon as possible after the round is completed and before midnight local time using the GHIN app.

If you do not submit your score on the day of play:

- your Handicap Index will not be updated in time for the next day.
- Your score will not be included in the daily *playing conditions* calculation.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR FAILURE TO POST OR MANIPULATING HANDICAP INDEX:

- First failure to post or potential manipulation of your score will result in a written warning.
- Second failure will result in a written warning.
- Third failure will result in the appropriate *penalty score* issued for scores not posted.
- Continued failure to post your scores or continued manipulation of your *scoring record* will result in further disciplinary action as the Handicap Chair and Committee deems fair and equitable.
- The *Handicap Committee* has the authority and obligation to adjust a *Handicap Index* if it feels necessary to do so. If we are not vigilant, QCLGA could lose its ability to be an organization authorized by AZ Golf and USGA.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Playing poorly does not allow you to decide you are playing a practice round after a few holes.

If you wish to play a practice round you should set out with that intention from the start and declare it is a “practice round” to your playing partners on the first tee or before you tee off.

Make sure you do not delay play or interfere with your fellow players who are not practicing.

A practice round must not be posted as it would not be an “Acceptable Score” in accordance with the Rules of Golf (for example - playing two balls on a hole, taking mulligans etc.).

Notifying the Handicap Committee of any practice round is **mandatory**.

There is no inactive season for Quail Creek. All scores on all golf courses should be posted for peer review to ensure the accuracy of handicaps.

A player must earn a *Handicap Index*. No player has an inherent right to a *Handicap Index* without demonstrating ability to our *Golf Club's Handicap Committee*.

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