## Governor's Club Handicap

The handicap system provides the ability for all levels of golfers to enjoy a game of golf together on an equal playing field. All members that want to participate in weekly events or tournaments must have a valid handicap. PLEASE POST ALL OF YOUR SCORES, HOME and AWAY.

"A USGA Handicap Index shall be adjusted up or down if the player does not turn in all acceptable scores or otherwise does not observe the spirit of the USGA Handicap System. The Handicap Committee shall determine the amount of the adjustment." USGA Handicap System

### How, When and Where to Post Scores

All scores home and away must be posted either on the internet or by using one of the handicap terminals. There are handicap terminals at all five golf courses. Remember, at Kiawah, scores should be posted year round – there is no inactive season.

All scores should be posted within a "reasonable" timeframe. All rounds, both home and away, must be posted in the month they are played. Do it right away, it's easy to forget. Posting scores in person immediately following the round is the preferred way to expose scores to peer review.

# **GHIN Moblie App**

You can download the GHIN Mobil App for use on Android, IPhone, Ipad and Ipod Touch from ITunes or Google Play. Search for GHIN. You can post your scores, look up handicaps, calculate course handicaps and more. You will initially be asked for your GHIN number and your last name. This will be stored so you will not have to enter it each time you post a score.

## To post a score:

- A. Click on "Post Score"
- B. Select either 18 Holes or 9 Holes
- C. Click on Search
- D. Select State (Home courses will be South Carolina)
- E. Type in "Kiawah" in the "Course name starts with" Box- all of your home courses will start with "Kiawah Island Golf Resort"
- F. Select the course from the list provided
- G. Select the tees played
- H. Click on "Select Type" (Home, Away or Tournament")
- Enter date
- J. Enter your score adjusted for Equitable Stroke Control (see table below) in the ESC Score box
- K. Click Post Score

## Post a Score On Your Computer

- L. Log on to the website, www.ghin.com
- M. Click on "Post Scores" at the top of the screen in yellow.
- N. Enter your GHIN number and last name
- O. Click Continue
- P. Fill in the drop down boxes (date, type, holes, etc.)
- Q. Enter your score adjusted for Equitable Stroke Control (see table below) in the ESC Score box
- R. Click Post Score

### Adjusting your Score using the Equitable Stoke Control formula

Equitable stroke control is a downward adjustment of an individual hole sores for handicap purpose. The Equitable Stroke Control limits the number of strokes you can take on a given hole FOR HANDICAP PURPOSES ONLY. Equitable Stroke Control is used when posting ALL scores.

When entering your score into the handicap system use the following table to adjust the individual holes. The newly adjusted total is one to use when entering your handicap.

## EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

18 Hole Course Handicap	Maximum Number On Any Hole
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

# If I pick up my ball before finishing a hole or I am conceded a hole in match play, what score do I post?

The score for the hole is score you most likely would have had.

## What is an acceptable score to Post?

- Rounds where you complete at least 13 Holes post an 18 hole score
- Rounds where 7-12 holes are complete post a 9 hole score
- Calculate your score on unfinished holes by adding par plus handicap strokes as they fall on the card according to your handicap.

## **Handicap Updates**

New handicaps are calculated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. It is important to get your scores into the system the week you play to keep your handicap index up to date.

<u>Handicaps by Tees</u> report is available at each Pro Shop desk and/or posted on the bulletin boards. A new report is available after each update is calculated.

### **Peer Review of Handicaps**

Peer review is encouraged. It is one of the controls that helps insure that the USGA handicaps are accurate. You can look up other handicaps online at <a href="www.ghin.com">www.ghin.com</a>. Go to "Handicap Lookup" on the home screen. You can look up by name and state or by GHIN number.

### **Tournament Scores**

An announcement will be made prior to playing any rounds which should be posted as a Tournament. Please make sure you identify those rounds as T scores! Weekly blitzes are not tournaments.

### Handicap Committee's Index Adjustment Abilities

The Handicap Committee can adjust the handicap indexes for period of time for the following conditions:

- Failure to Post Scores
- Numerous away scores change an index
- Players manipulating their rounds
- Review and adjust tournament performance handicap reductions
- A players handicap is improving faster than the system can react
- Temporary disability
- Continued entering of unacceptable scores

### **Handicap Violations**

The handicap committee can:

- Withdraw a player from the handicap system for repeated infractions
- Post penalty scores for those players that fail to post their own scores
- Adjust handicaps up or down as determined by the handicap committee

Thank you for posting your scores promptly.