

THE HANDICAP COMMITTEE AT TWIN BEACH

March 28, 2022

It is our pleasure to announce that Twin Beach Country Club has reintroduced our Handicap Committee for the 2022 golf season. Members of the committee include Marshall Spinner (chairperson), Deke Miller, Greg Coursen, Sy Berman, Kris Lomas, Pete Farner, and Rob Murphy.

Per USGA rules, an active handicap committee is a requirement for all GAM facilities and serves as general oversight to all player handicap indexes. Our Handicap Committee is equipped with tools to intervene when the calculated Handicap Index is no longer reflective of the player's demonstrated ability. The USGA recommends at least one annual handicap review each year. This intent of this letter is to provide notice of the upcoming review and relevant information related to the review process.

As mentioned, an annual handicap review will be conducted prior to the 2022 golf season and each subsequent season. Handicap reviews may also be conducted throughout the season at the discretion of the Committee or Golf Professional. Players (TBCC members) also reserve the right to request an individual review or that of another Player at any time. Any Player subject to a review will be notified and given due process, including but not limited to an appeals process.

The purpose of handicap reviews is not only to comply with GAM requirements, but to ensure all players are treated fairly and consistently. Subsequently, any player not within the rules set forth by the USGA regarding Handicapping beginning May 25, 2022 may have his/her handicap adjusted or frozen. This may lead to the temporary inability to play in club events, leagues, or tournaments.

Please visit www.usga.org/rules for complete handicapping rules, guidelines, and regulations.

The TBCC Handicap Committee may be reached via email at handicapcommittee@twinbeachcc.com

Thanks,

TBCC Handicap Committee

The TBCC Handicap Committee exists to establish a process to help ensure the Club is following the USGA Rules of Handicapping. The TBCC Handicap Committee's role focuses on these objectives:

- Educate and communicate the Rules of Handicapping to members
- Establish guidelines for the timely and accurate submission of scores to the USGA GHIN website.
- Perform handicap reviews no less than annually and random checks of score posting throughout the year.
- Apply penalty scores and/or adjust the Handicap Index of any member whose Handicap Index does not reflect his or her demonstrated ability

Handicapping Policies and Procedures at TBCC

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.

1. TBCC Golf handicaps are maintained in accordance the rules of the official USGA Handicap System and will be monitored by the Handicap Committee and the Golf Professional.
2. It is the players responsibility to post all acceptable scores, including 9-hole rounds, to the USGA GHIN on-line handicap reporting system.
3. Each member must maintain an active GAM membership, which provide access to USGA GHIN.
4. Scores should be posted within the same day of the round being played.
5. Where applicable, proper adjustments must be applied to all scores for posting purposes, including:
 - a. Net Double Bogey Rule - A maximum score on any hole for handicap purposes is a net double bogey (Par, plus 2, plus the number of handicap strokes you would receive on the hole in a fully handicapped event)
 - b. Net Par Rule - For any hole not played, post par plus the number of handicap strokes you would receive.
 - c. Post a "most likely score" for any hole started but not completed (e.g. when you pick up in match play)
6. Each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played.
7. Players with a current, accurate handicap will be eligible to participate in handicapped club events. A current handicap requires a member to consistently post scores. For those just starting to post scores, a minimum of three 18-hole scores must be posted (9-hole scores can be combined) to have a current handicap. Players without a valid handicap may participate but will be assigned a handicap of 0 (zero).

When Do I Have an Acceptable Score to Post?

- Scores made when played by the Rules of Golf
- Scores made when played on a course during its active season (April 1 to October 31 in Michigan)
- Scores made in the company of at least one other person
- If 14 or more holes are played in an 18-hole round (the net par rule applies to holes not played)
- If 7 holes are played on a 9-hole round (the net par rule applies to holes not played)
- Scores made in match play, stroke play and team competitions (unless the team competition involves not playing your own ball (e.g. a Scramble event))

All acceptable scores are to be posted within the same day of play using one of the following methods:

- Score posting kiosk in the TBCC Pro Shop
- GHIN Mobile app / GHIN Website
- For organized events only, by the TBCC Golf Staff using tournament software
- If you can't reasonably post the score yourself, you can turn your scorecard into the Pro Shop and a member of the Golf Staff will help you post.

Disciplinary Actions for Failure to Post or Player Manipulating their Handicap Index

If the Handicap Committee comes to the conclusion that a member has failed to consistently post scores, or has intentionally posted scores in a manner to manipulate his/her index:

- First Occurrence - warning
- Second Occurrence – An appropriate penalty score could be issued.
- If there is a third occurrence, further disciplinary action will be taken as the Handicap Chair and Committee deems fair and equitable