

Thinking About Developing a Handicap?

Why Obtain A USGA Handicap Index?

The purpose of the USGA Handicap System is to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis.

Having a handicap index allows golfers to participate in more events (those that require a handicap index), have a measurable means of tracking improvement, and allows score adjustments to even the playing field when playing with golfers of different skill levels.

All EWGA members have the opportunity to obtain an official USGA Handicap Index through the EWGA **Golf Life Management System (GLMS)** at no additional cost. Every member who is playing well enough to keep score is encouraged to obtain a Handicap Index through the EWGA GLMS.

The GLMS is a full-featured system that enables all members to obtain an official USGA handicap. It also gives members the ability to post scores; access 20,000+ golf course profiles; track personal game statistics; print a handicap card; view scoring history; review other members scoring histories, and attest scores for other members.

And best of all, it's free to all EWGA members!

Activate Handicap

How to Activate:

- Go to national EWGA web-site at www.ewga.com.
- The National Site can be reached directly or through a link on the Long Island Chapter's Web-site Home Page, www.ewgali.org (bottom left – Click on "LINKS"; then Click on "EWGA National").
- Click on **MEMBER LOGIN** at the top of the screen.
- Using your EWGA Member number and password, login to the Members Only area.
- Click on the "**Activate Golf Life Management System**" link located in the left-hand column.

Follow instructions on the **Golf Life Management System (GLMS)** activation screen. When prompted for your password, be sure to enter the same password you use to access the EWGA Members Only area.

When the activation process has been initiated, you will be thanked for activating your account. Shortly after this, you will receive an email at the address on file with EWGA confirming your GLMS Account activation.

After receiving the email, you may begin to use the handicap system. There are two ways to access this system:

- Login to the Members Only site and click on the *Golf Life Management* link on the lower left hand corner.
- On the EWGA home page under MEMBERS, click on *Handicap Service*, then *Post a Score*.

If you have troubles with activation, please contact:

- members@myewga.com for password troubles.
- handicap@myewga.com for handicap concerns.

Keep in mind: Two basic premises underlie the USGA Handicap System, namely that each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review.

For more information on the USGA Handicap System, visit the Handicap section of the United States Golf Association web-site, www.usga.org.

For Questions or Help in posting your scores, please contact Suzanne Garcia, Rules & Handicap Chair at sgarcia@optonline.net.