

The Villages Golf Handicap Committee, The Villages, Florida
How to Post Your Golf Score in the GHIN System:
From a Personal Computer or Laptop

From your personal computer or laptop go on-line to: <http://www.ghin.com/> on the top of the page select **Post Scores**.

The Score Posting page will appear.

Under the words **Identify Golfer**, log in by *typing in your* **GHIN number** [numbers only] and **your last name** [small letters] in the blocks provided.

Then select the **Continue** block

The Score Posting page will appear, with the words GHIN SCORE Posting and a hello with your name.

In the **date box** the current date appears. If this is not the date you played, **insert the correct date** for the score you are posting by selecting the gray box next to the date. Then select the correct play date for the score you are posting.

In the **Type box** select the type of course/round you played [Home / Away / Tournament]. If you are a resident of The Villages, Florida, all 12 of The Villages' championship golf courses are considered your home course. Therefore, if you played one of The Villages championship courses you would *select* **Home**. If you played a course outside of The Villages or state, you would select **Away** and follow similar away instructions.

Tournament should seldom to never be selected by a village resident. A 'tournament score' [T score] is a score made in a competition organized and conducted by the Committee in charge of the competition. In The Villages tournaments, "T" scores are posted to your GHIN record by the Committee in charge of competition, similar to how regular scores are posted for most Men's/Ladies' Day play. For a score to be posted as "T" score, the competition committee must identify a winner(s) based on a stipulated round(s), and must be played under the principles of the Rules of Golf. The local Handicap Committee in consultation with the Committee in charge of the competition must determine in advance if these conditions are met and announce in advance whether the score must be identified by the letter "T" when posted. You will find a list of the current years' approved "T" score events for The Villages on-line under Handicap Committee Notice at: <http://www.golfthevillages.com/handicaps/posting.asp>.

When playing in a tournament outside of The Villages, you should always check to see if the above conditions have been met and whether that tournament's competition committee will be posting all scores before posting a tournament score.

For play in The Villages, **select Home** button

In the **Holes box** select the number of holes you are posting for and **select 9 or 18 Holes**. See Handicap FAQ's [frequently asked questions] if you are unsure how to score holes not played during match, medal or inclement weather. For The Villages Handicap FAQ's go to <http://www.golfthevillages.com/handicaps/index.asp> on the right hand side of the page under the words Handicaps Resources click on [Handicap FAQ's](#). A four page document will appear with the most frequently asked questions regarding the correct scoring procedure for holes not played.

At the **Rating/Slope Entry**, **select Course/Tee**.

In the **State box** click on the arrow [v which opens a drop down list] and **select the state** in which the course you played is located in.

In the **Starts With box**, click on the arrow [v] and select the first letter of the name of the course you are played. When posting for a course played in The Villages, you would **select the letter T** (for The Villages).

In the **Course box** click on the arrow [v] scroll down to The Villages courses, then **select correct course** you're posting for from the course menu that appears. You can scroll down though this course menu by using the scroll bar on the right hand side of the course menu. Some of The Villages' courses have multiple selection, make certain to select the correct nine-hole combinations you played. When posting a nine-hole score select the course which includes the nine holes you are posting for and follow the instructions when selecting the tee box.

In the **Tee box** click on the arrow [v] scroll down and **select the correct set of tees** you played from. This will provide the GHIN system with the correct slope rating for calculation purposes.

When posting a nine-hole score, select the correct set of front or back tees matching the course you played. Example: you played Palmer Legends Riley Grove nine-holes only, blue tees. When selecting the course you played, you could select either The Villages Palmer Legends Country Club Riley Grove/Cherry Hill or Riley Grove/Laurel Valley. When making your blue tee selection, you would choose front or back tees to match your play and posting for Riley Grove. When entering a nine-hole score for Tierra Del Sol or Orange Blossom Hills Golf Courses, you will want select the course only with the correct front or back tees played.

In the **ESC Score box** you will **enter your net score** which is your score less any strokes allowed under the ESC (Equitable Stroke Control) rule, you may select the  button for a quick explanation. "*Equitable Stroke Control*" (ESC) is the downward adjustment of individual hole

scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability. *ESC* sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's *Course Handicap*. *ESC* is used only when a player's actual or most likely score *exceeds* the player's maximum number based on the table in Section 4-3 of The USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM book. This book can be found on line at:

[//usga.org/Rule-Books/Handicap-System-Manual/Rule-04/](http://usga.org/Rule-Books/Handicap-System-Manual/Rule-04/)

An ESC Example: Your Handicap Index is 19.4 and your course handicap is 19. You scored a 90 for 18 holes played. On one of the holes you had a 9 on another hole you took an 8. Because your course handicap is 19, ESC does not allow you to take more than 7 strokes on any hole. Therefore you need to subtract 3 strokes [$9-7=2$; $8-7=1$] from your score of 90 and post an ESC score of 87. In The Villages we do not use a Nine-Hole Handicap Index (rule 10-5), therefore when posting a nine hole score, you would follow the above instruction based on your 18 hole handicap index.

To **post the score** **select *Post Score* box**.

Congratulations, you have now posted your score in the GHIN System. You may disconnect or post another score.

NOTE: The USGA® Handicap System requires that every member report all acceptable scores for handicap calculation personally, or as otherwise authorized by the committee, as soon as possible after the round is played. In The Villages acceptable scores must be posted within **36** hours of play.

Per a revision in the USGA Handicap System manual, Section 5-1: Acceptability of Scores, effective January 1st, 2016, scores made while playing alone will no longer be acceptable for handicap purposes.