

# HANDIGRAM SECTION 5

USGA®



## Acceptability of Scores: To Post or Not to Post A Player's Responsibility

The following are acceptable scores and must be posted for handicap posting purposes:

- Post scores when at least seven holes are played in accordance with the principles of "The Rules of Golf" (7-12 holes are posted as a 9-hole score; 13 or more are posted as an 18-hole score). Holes not played are posted as par plus any handicap strokes to which the player is entitled.
- Post scores made in an area observing an active season.
- Post scores on all courses with a valid USGA Course Rating™ and Slope Rating®.
- Post scores in all forms of competition: match play, stroke play, and team competitions where players play their own ball.\* Check with the Committee to see if the score is posted as a tournament (T) score.
- Post scores played under the Local Rule of "preferred lies."
- Post scores when a player is disqualified from a competition but still has an acceptable score for handicap purposes (e.g., failure to sign a score card).

\* This does not mean all holes must be physically completed (see Section 4-1).

The following are unacceptable scores for handicap posting purposes:

- Do not post scores when fewer than seven holes are played.
- Do not post scores made on a golf course in an area which an inactive season established by the authorized golf association is in effect (e.g., New York in December).
- Do not post scores made when a majority of the holes are not played in accordance with the principles of The Rules of Golf.
- Do not post scores when the length of the course is less than 3,000 yards for 18 holes (or 1,500 yards for nine holes).
- Do not post scores when, as a condition of the competition, the maximum number of clubs allowed is less than 14, or types of clubs are limited as, for example, in a competition that allows only iron clubs.
- Do not post scores when scores are made on a course with no USGA Course Rating or Slope Rating (e.g. on an international golf course that has not been licensed by the USGA to utilize the USGA Course Rating System™).
- Do not post scores when a player uses non-conforming clubs, balls, or tees.
- Do not post scores when an artificial device or piece of unusual equipment (as defined under Rule 14-3) is used during the execution of a stroke (e.g. a towel placed under the arms during the execution of a stroke) or when equipment is used in an usual manner during the execution of a stroke.

