



Ould Newbury Golf Club

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The 8 Simple Golf Handicap Rules and Procedures

1. A 9 hole score MUST be posted if 7-12 holes are played.
2. An 18 hole score MUST be posted if 13 or more holes are played.
3. Unfinished Holes and Conceded Strokes - A player who starts, but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke, must record for handicap purposes the most likely score on that hole. There is no limit to the number of unfinished holes a player may have in a round, provided that failure to finish is not for the purpose of handicap manipulation. The most likely score may not exceed the player's Equitable Stroke Control limit.
4. Holes Not Played or Not Played Under The Principles of The Rules of Golf - If a player does not play a hole or plays it other than under the principles of the Rules of Golf (except for preferred lies), the score recorded for that hole for handicap purposes must be par-plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on that hole. Golf played in non-recognized USGA formats such as scrambles, shambles, etc. are not acceptable for posting. You may always ask one of our Golf Professionals for guidance.
5. Equitable Stroke Control - All scores for handicap purposes, including tournament scores are subject to the application of Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). This USGA mandatory procedure reduces high single hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability. See chart at the bottom and also located at Golf Shop handicap computer.
6. A tournament score is a score made in a competition organized and conducted by a Committee in charge of the competition. Ould Newbury will announce at the beginning of each season and at the start of each tournament which scores are to be recorded as a tournament score. All outside tournament scores must be posted as well.
7. Scores made in all recognized competitions held at Ould Newbury MUST be posted and marked as a tournament score BEFORE leaving Ould Newbury on the same day.
8. All other scores MUST be posted within the USGA handicap revision period. That is, scores made from the 1st to the 14th must be posted by the 14th, scores made from the 15th through the end of the month must be posted by the last day of the month.

In short, if you play 7 or more holes, a score MUST BE POSTED,

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL (ESC)	
Course Handicap	Maximum Score on any Hole
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10