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Subj: Penalties for Failing to Post Scores

The Handicap Committee has noticed that there is an increasing number of players who are either not posting their scores or not posting them in a timely manner in the handicap system to ensure that their handicaps are up to date. Under the USGA Handicap System, the handicap Committee for Ocean Ridge is required to take action to attempt to remedy this situation. The following action has been discussed with and is supported by the OCMGL executive committee.

Following the rules allow us to be competitive, measure our level of proficiency and have better chances to be successful against our opponents. Promptly posting all "acceptable" scores is one of those rules that is essential to ensuring that we all participate on a level playing field. Failing to post a score could not only affect your handicap but the outcome of matches, whether you are giving or receiving strokes.

To address the matter of delinquent posting of acceptable scores, and as a first step, effective immediately, under rule 8.4 of the USGA Handicap System and (i) after an individual player has been notified by email that a particular score has not been posted and (ii) been given a reasonable opportunity to post that score, the following penalties will be applied:

1. If a player fails to post an acceptable score within 72 hours of having been requested to do so, the Handicap Committee will post a penalty score in that player's handicap record. If the score not posted is below the player's current handicap plus course par, the Handicap Committee will enter a penalty score equal the lowest score in the player's scoring record. However, if the score not posted is above the player's current handicap plus course par, the Handicap Committee will enter a penalty score equal to the highest score in the player's scoring record.

2 If any player signs up for a tournament and fails to show up or withdraws from the Tournament without an excuse that is acceptable to the Tournament Chair, he shall be prohibited from playing in the next two month's tournaments.

Rule #2 applies only to the mens' golf association