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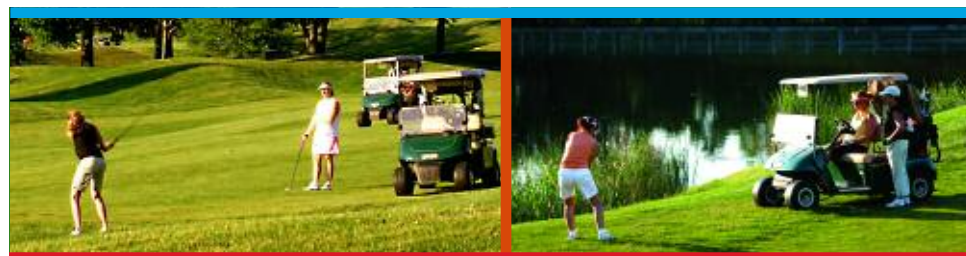
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2010 League Handbook

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Leagues

EWGA leagues offer weekly fun and competitive play in addition to an opportunity for socializing and networking on the golf course as well as after play. League play provides you with an opportunity to participate in regularly scheduled tee times, which is one of the best ways to improve your golf game. It is also a great way to meet and get to know other EWGA members.

The Westchester Chapter offers a variety of league opportunities for beginners to advanced players who already have handicaps. If you are new to golf or have only played occasionally and do not have a handicap, we offer supervised league play opportunities with



experienced mentors in our Rookie Leagues. This league is designed for beginner golfers. In addition, there are many other ways for new golfers to learn the rules of golf through clinics, getting started sessions, Golf Boot Camps, Nine and Wine events, range days, etc.

League sign-up is on a first-come first serve basis, and the first opportunity to sign up for any of our leagues is at our Annual Tee-Off Luncheon. Please bring verification of your handicap index if you plan to sign up for any league other than the Rookie league. Most leagues are limited to 32 players. Greens fees for the entire season are due when you sign-up, and there are no refunds.

Players interested in League play, who do NOT have a handicap index that can be verified before or at the Luncheon will be required to sign up for a playing round with an EWGA Board Member or League Captain to determine which league may be the right fit.

If you would like to participate in a league, but can not commit to a whole season, consider becoming a substitute. It is a great way to get out on the course as often as you can and join in the fun.

Leagues

Levels of Play

Selecting a course that will be fun and challenging is important. We encourage you to select a course that fits your skill level. Determine your skill level before you select a course for league play.

New Golfer (Rookie)

- Does not play regularly
- Has had group lessons only
- May not keep score; picks up often
- Is uneasy with experienced golfers
- Has not established a handicap index yet.

Beginner

- Plays regularly, but weekly at most
- Practices rarely
- Sometimes picks up
- Has an official USGA handicap
- Handicap Index is 35 or higher (18 holes)

Intermediate

- Plays regularly, 1–2 times a week
- Practices occasionally
- Still uncomfortable in competition
- Has an official USGA handicap
- Handicap Index is 26–34 (18 holes)

Advanced

- Plays regularly, 1–2 times a week
- Practices fairly often
- Plays comfortably in competition
- Has an official USGA handicap
- Handicap Index is 1-25 (18 holes)



League Descriptions

Rookie League: This two or four week league play offers women who are new to golf an opportunity to play with experienced mentors to learn about league play, course management, scoring, getting a handicap, pace of play, etc.

PLACE: Saxon Woods and/or Sprain Lake, G.C.

Beginner/Intermediate 9-Hole League: This 12-week league, for Westchester Chapter Members Only, is designed for trained beginners with some prior on-course experience, and skilled intermediate-level golfers comfortable playing on this leafy, wide open course featuring some hilly terrain. Saxon Woods is a pretty and challenging course despite its modest rating. Interested players must have a verifiable handicap index. NO LIMIT.

PLACE: Saxon Woods, G.C. 315 Mamaroneck Rd. Scarsdale, NY.
Call the Pro Shop at 914-231-3461 for directions.

Intermediate 9-Hole League: This 12-week league, for Westchester Chapter Members Only, is designed for skilled intermediate-level golfers comfortable playing on hilly, sloping fairways with water a factor on several holes. Sprain Lake is a pretty and challenging course. Interested players must have a verifiable handicap index of 40 or lower to play.

PLACE: Sprain Lake G.C., 290 E. Grassy Sprain Rd, Yonkers, NY
Call the Pro Shop at 914-231-3481 for directions.

Intermediate/Advanced 9-Hole Spring League: This 6-week league for Westchester and Fairfield Chapter Members is designed for the skilled golfer not fearful of a little water, narrow fairways and rolling hills. Doral is a beautiful and challenging course for those golfers who want to fine tune their skills and, if lucky, not lose any golf balls. Interested players must have a verifiable handicap index of 35 or lower to play.

PLACE: Doral Arrowwood Golf Course, Anderson Hill Road, Rye Brook, NY.
Call the Pro Shop at 914-323-4478 for directions and rain cancellations

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Competitive 9-Hole Golf League: This 6-week league for Westchester and Fairfield Chapter Members is designed for the skilled golfer not fearful of a little water, narrow fairways and rolling hills. Doral is a beautiful and challenging course for those golfers who want to fine tune their skills and, if lucky, not lose any golf balls. Interested players must have a verifiable handicap index of 32 or lower to play.

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FORMAT: Two Person Teams—100% Handicap, Best Net ball of twosome, one point per hole. An additional \$100.00 will be collected the first week for the Prize Fund. The Prize Fund pays for the additional two weeks of play for the top eight teams along with the buffet awards dinner for all participants.



Open Play: Looking to play a number of great courses and meet weekend or weekday golf partners? Open Play offers the flexibility to play golf when it fits your schedule. There is a maximum handicap index of 35 for weekend open play, but no handicap requirement for weekday. Open to all EWGA members.

League Substitute: EWGA Members who can't play full time in a league are encouraged to sign up as substitute player. For a \$25 League Fee you are able to list yourself as a substitute player in any league that matches your level of play. Please note handicap requirements. Subs are on a pay as you go basis. It is your responsibility to pay the person you are subbing for directly.

League Guidelines

- All league players must be current EWGA members.
- Players must follow course rules, as well as league rules.
- If unable to play, you are responsible for contacting someone from the substitute list to cover for you. Please make sure you notify your team members. Missed play is not made up.
- After playing your ball out of a bunker, rake the bunker, then lay the rake outside of the bunker
- If you suspect you will be unable to find your ball, hit a provisional ball. The penalty for a lost ball is one stroke and distance.
- Limit your search for a ball to no more than 3 minutes. If you don't find it play your provisional ball and take your one stroke penalty.
- If you hit your ball into water take a one-stroke penalty, dropping according to USGA rules of red or yellow stakes.
- Assist other players with league rules if they are new to the game or not aware of them.
- At the end of each round one member of your foursome will turn in the score card and the handicap chair will record all score. This will keep handicaps current.
- Pick up your ball if you've exceeded your ESC limit (Equitable Stroke Control. See page 10).

LEAGUE ETIQUETTE

Etiquette covers both Courtesy and Priority on the course as well as care of the course. The following points are not rules, but they are an important part of the game.??

- Don't move, talk or stand close to a player making a stroke.
- Always play without delay. Leave the putting green as soon as all players in your group have holed out. ?
- Play ready golf.
- Invite faster groups to play through.
- Replace divots. Rake footprints in bunkers.
- Don't step in the line of another player's putt.
- Don't drop clubs on the putting green. ?
- Replace the flagstick carefully.

League Guidelines

PACE OF PLAY

- Be aware of your position with regard to the group in front.
- Do not concern yourself with the group behind; it is your group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front.
- If you feel that your group is falling behind, advise the other players in your group and try to catch up quickly.
- If you lose a clear hole and are delaying the group behind, or if there is no group in front of you, invite the group behind to play through.
- Play ready golf.
- Do not wait until it is your turn to play before putting your glove on.
- Do not wait until it is your turn to play before calculating your yardage and selecting your club.
- Look at the line of your putt while the other players in the group look at theirs (within the bounds of normal etiquette).
- At the green, position your bags so as to allow quick movement off the green to the next tee.
- Move off the green as soon as all players in your group have holed out; mark score cards at or on the way to the next tee.
- Play a provisional ball if you think your ball is lost or out of bounds (out of bounds is marked by white stakes). If you are unsure of what color the staked area is that you hit into, then hit a provisional ball, but remember, you cannot play that provisional ball if it turns out the stakes are red or yellow or you find your original ball inbounds.
- Pick up your ball if you've exceeded your ESC limit (Equitable Stroke Control).
- If you keep up with the group in front, you cannot be accused of slow play.

Get a handicap index

All EWGA members receive handicap service as part of their membership package. The service is provided by the EWGA Golf Life Management System (GLMS). Having a handicap index adds to the enjoyment of golf because it enables golfers of all levels to compete on a comparatively equal basis. Having a handicap index gives you control over your game and all of our members who want to play in a league (other than the Rookie league) need to obtain one.

Handicap FAQ's

What's the difference between a handicap and a handicap index?

Until 1987, a person's handicap gave a rough indication of how they usually scored relative to the expected score of an expert golfer. The problem, they realized, is that not all golf courses are the same. Golfers who played at harder courses had higher handicaps than equally skilled golfers who played at easier courses. Since 1987, the USGA replaced the one-handicap-fits-all courses method. Golfers no longer have a handicap; they now have a handicap index.

What is a handicap index?

Your handicap index is based on your 10 best scores of your 20 most recent scores. It represents your best performance not your average performance. Several things—your adjusted gross score, course rating and course slope—calculate your handicap index. Simply put, the course rating and slope indicate how hard a course is to play. The higher the numbers, the more difficult the course plays.

What is a Course handicap?

Your course handicap is determined by a formula between your handicap index and the course rating. The course handicap is the number that determines how many strokes (if any) you get on each hole when playing competitively. It is what ensures golfers of differing skill levels to compete against one another on a level playing field.

How do I find out my Course Handicap?

Most golf courses have a chart showing course handicaps for players based on their index or you can click go to the USGA website: www.usga.org/playing/handicaps/calculator/course_handicap_calculator.asp

I'm a new golfer...what do I need to do to get started?

A minimum of five rounds of 18 holes or ten rounds of 9 holes is all that's needed to get started.

Get a handicap index

Why would I want to maintain a handicap?

Benefits of maintaining a handicap include the ability to compete with golfers of other skill levels on an equitable basis on any course, from any tees. It also provides an objective way to measure golf skill improvement. An official handicap is required to compete in most competitive tournaments and leagues.

Do I need a handicap to join EWGA?

No, but you do need one to participate in our leagues as well as many of the EWGA competitive events including the Chapter Championship. If you have not established a handicap index yet and are interested in league play, you will be required to participate in a playing round before joining a league.

Are there any requirements for maintaining your handicap with EWGA?

The only requirement for maintaining your handicap with EWGA is that you are a current member of the Executive Women's Golf Association.

How much does it cost to maintain a handicap with EWGA?

Handicap service through GLMS (Golf Life Management System) is free as it is included in all levels of your EWGA membership.

How do I access and activate my account on the GLMS?

Access to the system is through the EWGA website. Members need to activate their account by following the directions previously provided to you via email from EWGA or by going to the activation page on the EWGA.com website. Once you've activated your account, on subsequent visits you can access the GLMS by logging in with your EWGA account at EWGA.com

What are my responsibilities in maintaining a handicap?

As with all aspects of golf, the handicap system expects honesty and integrity from its participants. Unlike other sports, golfers are expected to call all penalties on themselves when incurred—regardless of whether it was witnessed it or not...

What is gross score vs. adjusted score?

Gross score is every stroke a golfer has taken during a round, added up to a total score. Adjusted gross score is a golfer's stroke total for a round after accounting for the maximum per-hole scores allowed by the USGA's Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) guidelines.

Get a handicap index

What is Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)?

ESC sets a limit on the score a golfer can take on any given hole and it is based on your course handicap. It puts a limit on the number of strokes you can write down on the scorecard for any one hole.

How do I know my ESC?

Your course handicap determines your ESC. See chart below.

Course Handicap	Maximum Score
0-9	Double Bogey
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40 or more	10

If you are in the process of establishing a handicap index then use 40.4 as your course handicap.

If you get 14 on all 18 holes you would adjust all of them to 10's giving you an adjusted score of 180. That's the score you would post on GLMS or GHIN.

When should I post a score?

- Post every eligible score during the active posting season. In general, the New York posting season is from April through end of October.
- Post all scores played in locations that are in active season.
- Post a score only if you play at least 13 of 18 holes or at least 7 of 9 holes. On the holes you didn't play, record a par plus any handicap strokes you would have received based on ESC.

How often is my handicap updated?

Handicaps are revised and updated every two weeks during active scoring season and generally once a month during inactive scoring season.

GLMS: Golf Life Management System

The EWGA GLMS is approved by the USGA and will give you an up-to-the-minute picture of your handicap status. It will also allow you to find information on a course you may not have visited before. As always, when you complete a round of golf, you should enter your score as soon as possible. This can be done from any computer with Internet access. In order to use the system, you will need to activate your account.

TO ACTIVATE:

1. Go to the EWGA website, www.ewga.com.
2. Log on to the members only page. In the LOGIN field, use your 5-digit member ID.
3. Click on the Activate Golf Life Management tab in the left column.
4. Enter your "members only" password in the box.
5. Click the Activate tab.
6. You will receive an email to the email address on file with EWGA with your GLM password.
7. Once you have received the email from headquarters, you are free to use the system at any time, from any computer.

TO POST A SCORE:

1. Go to the EWGA website.
2. Under "Golf Life Management System" in the left column, click on Post a Score.
3. Login when prompted.
4. A new window, headed Post Total Score, will appear.
5. Enter the date of the round.
6. Tab to the Course Name tab. Here you have the option of using the drop-down menu, which stores the courses you've used previously, or clicking on "search course directory" which will allow you to access thousands of courses in the U.S. and Canada by name and location.
7. Choose the number of holes played (18 is the default). The GLM has 9-hole slopes and course ratings for many courses, but some of the ones our members play most frequently are below.
8. Choose the type of play (Leisure is the default). Please Note: Only click Tournament for a true tournament! For EWGA Westchester, this would only be the club championship, sectional, or national tournament. These scores stay on your handicap card for a longer time.
9. Choose the tee box you played. Be sure to verify that the slope/rating that appear match those on your scorecard. In case of errors, please notify the handicap committee so we can have the system updated.
10. Enter your total ESC score.
11. If posting for more than one person, click "yes" for attested score and repeat the required steps. If not, click Post Scores.