



GOLF HANDICAPPING

"How do I get an Official USGA Handicap Index?"

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According to the USGA Handicap System, in order to receive a USGA Handicap Index, you must belong to a "Club". This is for Peer Review, the self-policing mechanism built into the system.

This does not necessarily mean you have to join a private Country Club. As long as the formally organized group of golfers you join meets the USGA's definition of a "Club", it can reside at a public golf course or no physical course at all.

If you do not wish to join a private club, you can investigate public courses near you to see if they have a "Club" that you can join that will enable you to establish an official USGA Handicap Index.

For more on this, please check out the USGA's Web Site (<http://www.usga.org>) and particularly the section on handicapping. This is all explained in detail there.

Thanks for your interest in the USGA Handicap System and the NYSGA. I hope this has been helpful.

