

## **Inactive Season Information: Posting Scores and Handicap Revisions**

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Now that the posting season for New York State Golf Association clubs has ended, rounds played in Upstate New York cannot be used for handicapping purposes. In the past, this meant that a golfer could not post any scores until their club reopened in the spring and therefore not see any modification to their Handicap Index. Now, thanks to changes in the USGA and GHIN Handicap systems, a New York State golfer can maintain an active Handicap Index all year long.

One of the many services that the NYSGA offers to its GHIN clubs is the ability for golfers to post scores using the Internet. During the NYSGA posting season, this is helpful for golfers who forget to post their score at the club. They can surf to the NYSGA website and post their score. This is also useful for golfers who play during the winter in areas such as Florida and Arizona that allow posting year round. Any round played in any area still observing an active posting season can be posted online to a NYSGA Handicap Index. If the club played at during the winter is also a GHIN club, a score could be posted from that club's computer. It will be routed to the golfer's NYSGA/GHIN scoring record. This is another benefit of GHIN, the nation's largest handicap provider.

For the first time, the USGA has approved Golf Associations to update USGA Handicap Indexes during an inactive season. This means that golfers who belong to clubs using the NYSGA/GHIN Handicap service will receive emailed Handicap Revisions during the inactive season on December 3, January 7, February 4 and March 4. So if a golfer posts scores during the winter, he/she will see their Handicap Index adjust. When reading the email, remember to click on links within the Association News area at the top to keep up-to-date with announcements, schedules and articles from the NYSGA. To get emailed Handicap Revisions, visit: [www.ghin.com/email.shtml](http://www.ghin.com/email.shtml).

The typical active posting season for our area is April through October. In 2009, the start posting date will be Friday, April 10. If a club determines that course conditions warrant postponing the start of posting, it should do so. The start posting date set by the NYSGA is an estimation of when the majority of clubs have achieved normal playing conditions. Clubs in the northern areas of the State usually open in May and should therefore delay the posting of scores until their course is ready.

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