

SRPGA Handicaps

And the USGA Handicap System

Where we differ from the USGA system

I. **We don't accept scores outside SRPGA tournaments.** [5.1] *A basic premise of the USGA Handicap System is that a player will post every acceptable round for peer review.*

II. **We use tournament scores from longer than a year ago (up to 14? years ago!)** [10-3.c.i.] *The number of eligible tournament scores will be counted on a revolving twelve-month basis. [10-3.c.iv.] At each handicap revision, each T-Score in the "Best T-Score File" is checked to see if the score is older than one year and no longer part of the player's current twenty score history. If so, the score is deleted from the file.*

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Our Options

1. Continue as is, but discontinue claiming that we follow the USGA Handicap System. We may even want to post a disclaimer with our handicaps like Yahoo does: "The Yahoo! Sports Golf HandicapTracker is not endorsed by the USGA and the results derived from Yahoo! Sports Golf HandicapTracker cannot be used for any event requiring a USGA index." <http://golf.sports.yahoo.com/tracker>

2. Modify our software-based in-house system. For example, use two years of SRPGA tournament scores instead of just one year (still violates I and II), and discontinue claiming that we follow the USGA Handicap System.

3. Use a Web-based handicap service.

Advantage of a Web-based Handicap Service

1. Complies with I and II -- it's fairer.

2. Gives our members a true USGA handicap.

3. Potentially generates nice reports and statistics.

4. [I wonder . . . ? Could we allow non-members to be part of the system, for a fee, without allowing them to play in our tournaments? If so, we could generate money for the SRPGA. Nonmembers would have to post their own scores. Would this be a mess or would it help pay for the system?]

\$25 AGA (Arizona Golf Association)
 \$7 GolfServicesGroup.net (flexible on price)
 \$10 MyScoreCard
 \$24 NetHandicap (if sign up for 2 years)
 \$30 NetHandicap
 \$30 Golfhound
 \$30 1Stop4Golf USGA Handicaps
 \$0 Golfinity

Reference: The USGA Handicap System Manual

<http://www.usga.org/playing/handicaps/manual/index.html>

References: Web-based Handicap Services for Golf Associations

AGA (Arizona Golf Association)

<http://www.azgolf.org/join/club.asp?CategoryID=1&SubCategory=3>

\$25/player/year

MyScoreCard

<http://www.myscorecard.com/cgi-bin/index.pl>

\$9.95/year/player; up to 30 reports available (to the player?)

Official USGA Handicaps (& Handicap Cards)

Statistics & Performance Reports

Made for Beginners & Experts

NetHandicap

<http://www.nethandicap.com/content/index.html>

??? \$30/yr/player? or \$24/yr/player for two years?

info@nethandicap.com

Golfhound Player's Club Member

\$29.95 per year: Get an official USGA Handicap, otherwise free

<http://www.golfhound.com/handicap.phtml?gclid=CJCEw7uc1pACFRk0awodznb1Ww&GolfhoundSession=ebe419f442e397a7c1f2ff8f551a8911>

Golfinity

http://www.golfinity.com/index_2.asp?navid=1

Free

1Stop4Golf USGA Handicaps

<http://1stop4golf.com/DirectoryEntry.asp?id=14&se=dz>

Annual Fee: \$29.99 for the Golf Association?

HandiNet

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Golf Services Group -- USGA Handicaps

<http://www.golfservicesgroup.net/aboutonlinehandicapper.asp>

\$7/player/year and flexible on the price

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References: Web-based Handicap Services for Individuals

Most of the above services also do individuals, but most of the following appear to only do individuals.

StrokeTracker

<http://www.stroketracker.com/>

Free

PlayerLink

<http://www.playerlink.com/about2A.php>

Free

GolfSpyder (USGA Handicap Service)

<http://www.golfspyder.com/>

\$29.95/Year

AGA Club

\$49