

# **Useful Golf Apps, Score Entry & Posting, 2024 World Handicap System (WHS) Changes**

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# Every WDCGA Member's To Do List for 2024

- Uninstall then Install latest **USGA GHIN App** on your cell.
- Uninstall USGA Rules of Golf 2023 then Install latest **USGA Rules of Golf 2024** including Rules and Clarifications on your cell.
- Uninstall then Install latest **Golf Genius Mobile App**
- Uninstall then Install latest **ezLocator ePinSheetApp** (Provides daily pin sheets for using clubs including many WDCGA member clubs)
- **Use GHIN App to enter scores hole-by-hole whenever you play.** App adjusts your hole score. Can capture stats. (X is NOT a valid entry, you post score to GHIN). **Post same day round played.**
- **Understand difference** in entering scores hole-by-hole *in GHIN vs Golf Genius (GG)* (need a GGID, for a competitive event, X is a valid entry, score not posted to GHIN unless Tourn. Chair posts it)

# Confirm You Have Latest Golf Apps

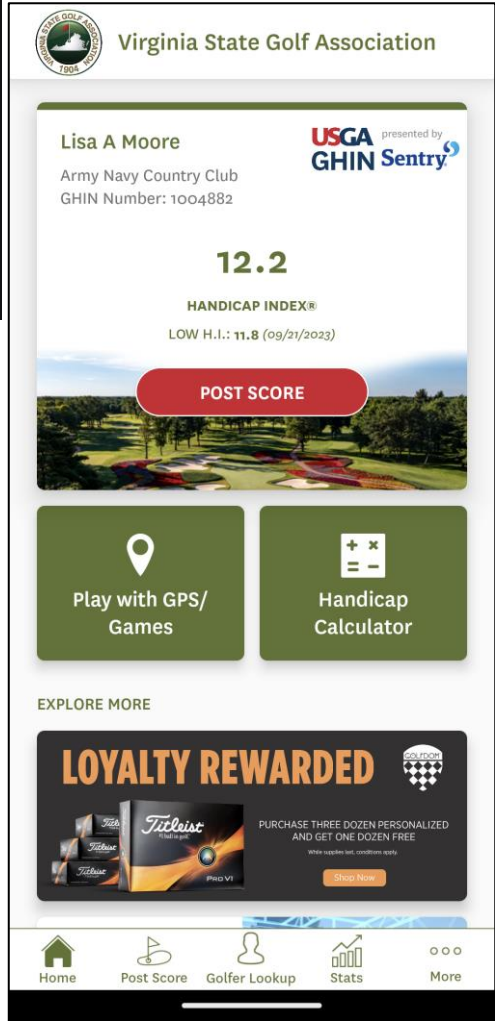


**USGA GHIN**  
Golf Handicap and Information Network  
In-app purchases

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**What's new** •  
Last updated Jan 26, 2024

App update required. This release includes GHIN Rewind - a look at your personalized recap from 2023.



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GHIN Number: 1004882

**12.2**  
HANDICAP INDEX®  
LOW H.I.: 11.8 (09/21/2023)

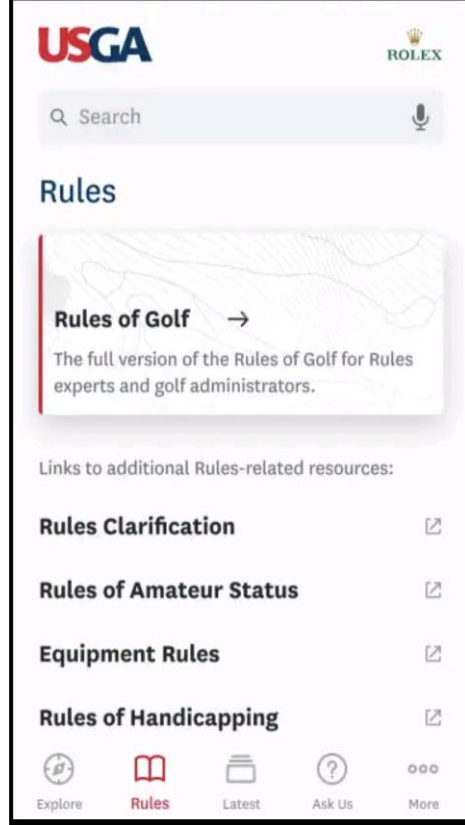
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The full version of the Rules of Golf for Rules experts and golf administrators.

Links to additional Rules-related resources:

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- Rules of Amateur Status
- Equipment Rules
- Rules of Handicapping

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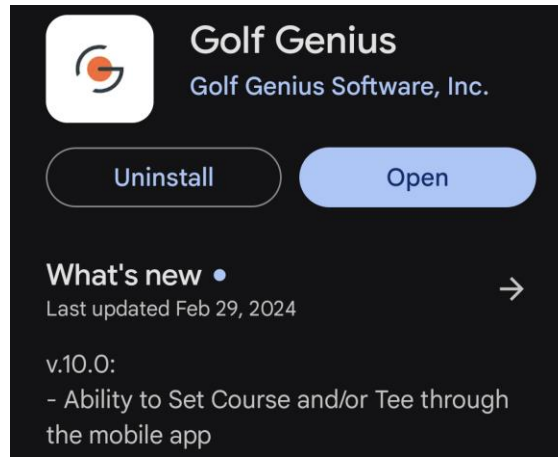
**Golf Genius.**

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GGID or Email & Password

GGID

SIGN IN

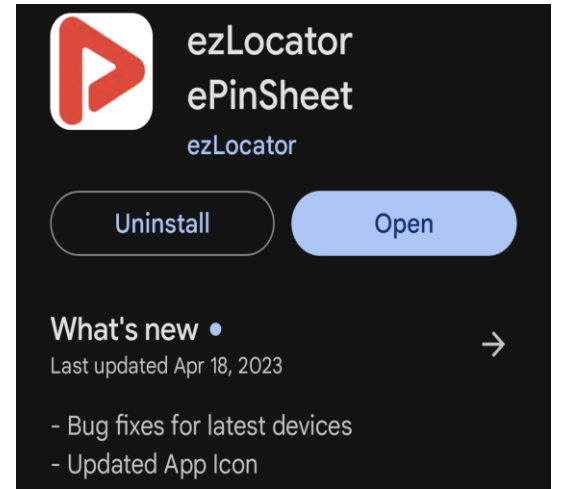


**Golf Genius**  
Golf Genius Software, Inc.

Uninstall Open

**What's new** •  
Last updated Feb 29, 2024

v.10.0:  
- Ability to Set Course and/or Tee through the mobile app

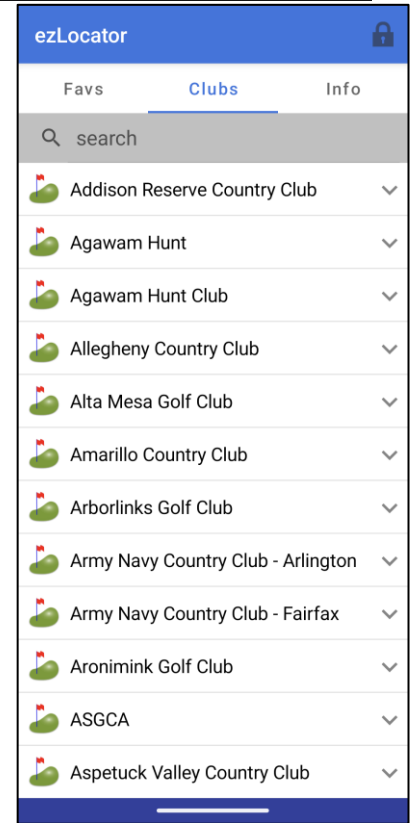


**ezLocator**  
ePinSheet  
ezLocator

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**What's new** •  
Last updated Apr 18, 2023

- Bug fixes for latest devices
- Updated App Icon



**ezLocator**

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- Addison Reserve Country Club
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- Aronimink Golf Club
- ASGCA
- Aspetuck Valley Country Club

# 2024 Changed WHS 9-Hole & 10-17-Hole Played Scoring

- WHS = Rules of Handicapping + Course Rating System  
(separate from USGA Rules of Golf)
  - Effective January 2024 – Not just for USA but entire WORLD
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- ✓ Treatment of 9-hole Scores
  - ✓ Treatment of Scores When 10 - 17 Holes Are Played
  - ✓ Halved Previous Minimum Lengths to Obtain a Course Rating & Slope Rating
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- ✓ USGA Hdcp Admin Software will soon (1) provide enhanced review tools to identify players who frequently score above or below their expected scoring range; (2) recommend Hdcp Index adjustment (minimum adjustment is 1 stroke up or down) for each identified player.

# Played 9-Holes Score with 2024 WHS Changes

- **9-Hole Play:** If playing only 9 holes, a player ***must complete all 9 holes to be able to post*** a 9-hole score (using the GHIN App, it is recommended to post hole-by-hole, although the player may still post the 9-hole total score), *i.e.*, **no holes may be left blank**. If pick up enter the most likely score with the max of a net double bogey.
- When a player posts a 9-hole score, the WHS will automatically calculate an 18-hole differential for the round, based on the player's 9-hole differential from the holes played and expected Score Differential based on her current handicap index.

# Played 10-17 Holes Score with 2024 WHS Changes

- **10-17 Holes Played:** If a player plays 10-17 holes (*because she quit before 18 holes were completed*), the **scores must be posted hole-by-hole leaving uncompleted holes blank in GHIN**
  - ✓ If a player picks up, enter the most likely score with the max of a net double bogey.
  - ✓ *GHIN calculates a score for the blank holes* by adding the player's Score Differential from the holes played to the player's Expected Score Differential based on her handicap index for the number of hole(s) not played.

# Score to Enter If Player Does NOT Finish a Hole (1 of 4)

- In GHIN, enter (NO X's) the Most Likely Score not to exceed your max of net double bogey.
- GG Option #1: Enter "X" + Most Likely Scores: IAW the "Rules of Handicapping" (as red arrows show below).

Select Tournament ⓘ   
 Stroke Play

Display by   
 Pairing group

Sort by   
 Pairing group number   
 ↓ A Z

Search for Name

7:00 AM 1 1. Adam Rammel (98) / Stephen McCall (77) / Robert Munz (79) / Stan Chandler (87) All holes completed

Course: South Course Tee: Black - All 18 Slope: 136 Rating: 73.4 ⓘ

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	in	total
Yardage	359	196	466	544	378	604	209	458	349	3563	419	444	169	439	365		202	443	448	3541	7104
Par	4	3	4	5	5	5	3	4	4	36	4	5	3	4	4		3	4	4	36	72
Handicap	17	5	1	11	9	7	3	13	12	12	4	18	2	16	14		14	8	10		
Adam Rammel (36/22)	7	4	6	7	4	5	6	6	4	49	7	3	6	6	6		7	3	5	49	98
Stephen McCall (21/6)	3	4	5	7	7	6	6	6	3	47	6	3	4	4	3		3	3	4		
Robert Munz (28/5)	4	5	7	5	3	4	3	6	6	42	3	3	7	5	4		3	3	6	37	79
Stan Chandler (12/10)	7	6	5	3	X7	6	5	6	6		3	7	7	4	3		3	6	6	43	

▼ Gross Score Preview

▲ Net Score Preview

Adam Rammel (36/22)	6	3	4	6	5	3	4	4	3	38	6	1	5	4	5	5	6	2	4	38	76
Stephen McCall (21/6)	3	3	4	7	6	7	6	5	3	44	6	2	4	3	3	X8	3	3	4		
Robert Munz (28/5)	4	4	6	5	5	3	4	2	6	39	3	2	7	4	4	3	3	3	6	35	74
Stan Chandler (12/10)	7	5	4	3	X7	5	4	5	6		3	6	7	3	3	3	3	5	5	38	

Eagle or better
  Birdie
  Par
  Bogey
  Double Bogey or worse

Mark scorecard as checked

Clear Scores Done

# Score to Enter If Player Does NOT Finish a Hole (2 of 4)

- In the previous slide's **GG Option#1** example, the scores of "X7" & "X8" have been entered, assuming the most likely scores would have been 7 and 8.
- **GG Results when entering X+the most likely score:**
  - ✓ **Stroke Play** leaderboard will count as a missing hole and the scorecard will be marked as "DNF".
  - ✓ **Match Play** leaderboards will count as a missing hole and loss of hole. **X score is not used to determine the better ball of the team. During Better Ball, if all players record an X, the hole will be tied/halved.**
  - ✓ **Stableford and Quota** leaderboards will count as the worst possible score.
  - ✓ Score will be **posted as** the most likely score with the max of a net double bogey.



# Score to Enter If Player Does NOT Finish a Hole (3 of 4)

- In GHIN, (enter NO X's) leave blank and go to next hole.
- **GG Option #2: Enter "X":** (as red arrows show below).

Select Tournament <sup>ⓘ</sup> Stroke Play Display by Pairing group Sort by Pairing group number Search for Name

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Course: South Course Tee: Black - All 18 Slope: 136 Rating: 73.4

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Yardage	359	196	466	544	378	604	209	458	349	3563	419	444	169	439	365		202	443	448	3541	7104
Par	4	3	4	5		5	3	4	4	36	4	5	3	4	4		3	4	4	36	72
Handicap	17	5	1	11		9	7	3	13		12	4	18	2	16		14	8	10		
Adam Rammel (36/22)	7	4	6	7		4	5	6	4	49	7	3	6	6	6		7	3	5	49	98
Stephen McCall (21/6)	3	4	5	7		7	6	6	3	47	6	3	4	4	3	X	3	3	4		
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Stan Chandler (12/10)	7	6	5	3	X	6	5	6	6		3	7	7	4	3	4	3	6	6	43	

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Adam Rammel (36/22)	6	3	4	6	5	3	4	4	3	38	6	1	5	4	5	5	6	2	4	38	76
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Eagle or better
  Birdie
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Mark scorecard as checked

Clear Scores Done

# Score to Enter If Player Does NOT Finish a Hole (4 of 4)

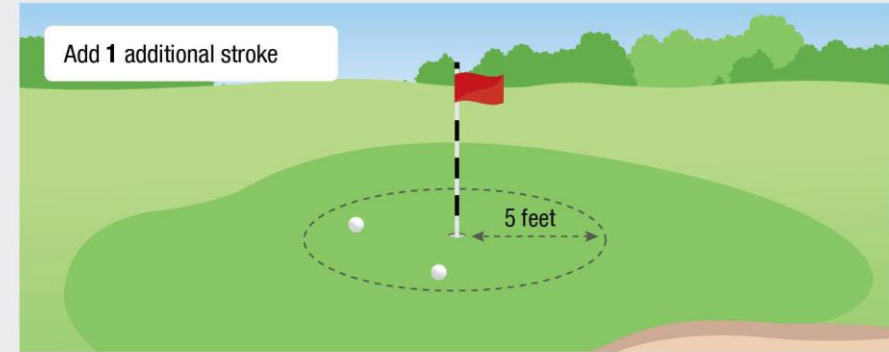
- **GG Results when entering X** as in the previous slide's **GG Option#2 example**:
  - ✓ **Stroke Play** leaderboard will count as a missing hole and the scorecard will be marked as "DNF".
  - ✓ **Match Play** leaderboards will count as a missing hole and loss of hole. **X score is not used to determine the better ball of the team. During Better Ball, if all players record an X, the hole will be tied/halved.**
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  - ✓ Score will be **posted as** a net double bogey.

# Most Likely Score Guidelines

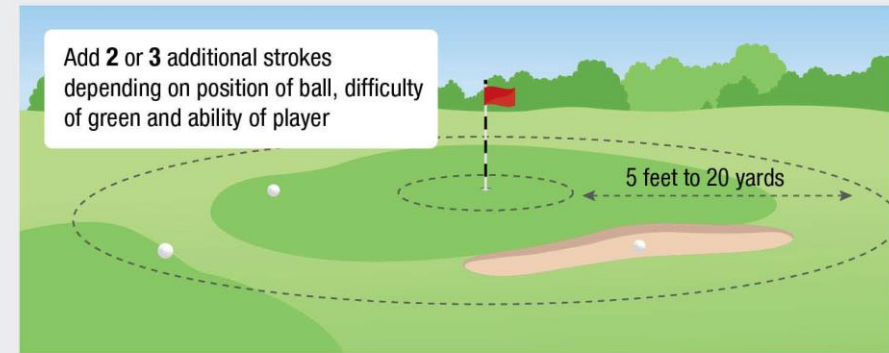
**Most likely score** is a probable score on a hole that you started, but did not hole out the ball. Please follow the USGA Rule 3.3 guidelines graphic to the right, pick up your ball, and record your **most likely score which cannot exceed your max of net double bogey** when your ball cannot improve your team score. Record a **most likely score** with an “X” in front of the number (X5) to indicate that it shouldn’t be used in scoring. Golf Genius will allow you to enter the score this way. In the GHIN, leave off the “X” and only enter the number.

DIAGRAM 3.3: MOST LIKELY SCORE WHEN A HOLE IS STARTED BUT PLAYER DOES NOT HOLE OUT

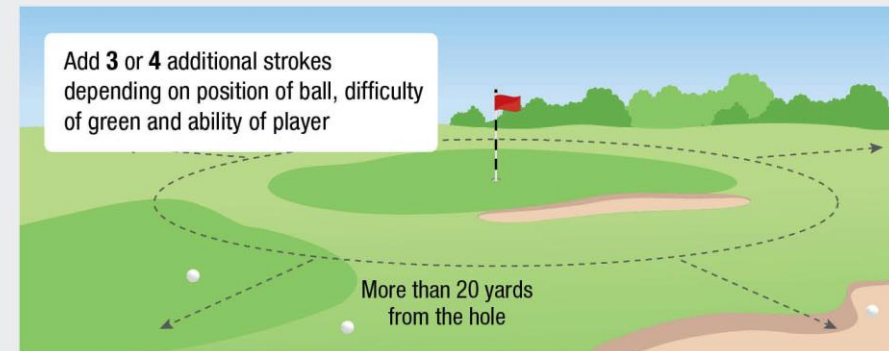
▼ If the ball lies on the putting green, no more than 5 feet (1.5 metres) from the hole.



▼ If the ball lies between 5 feet (1.5 metres) and 20 yards (20 metres) from the hole.



▼ If the ball lies more than 20 yards (20 metres) from the hole.



# Score to Enter If Player Does NOT Play a Hole (1 of 2)

- In **GHIN**, leave the hole blank and go to the next hole.
- In **GG**, when entering scores, you have the option to **leave the hole blank and not enter any score** (as shown by red box below).

1. Doug Smith (94) / Rick Hatcher (90) <span style="float: right;">▲ All holes completed</span>																					
Course: BA Country Club		Tee: Blue - Men - All 18					Slope: 122					Rating: 69.6 <span style="float: right;">(i)</span>									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	in	total
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Handicap	8	14	18	6	16	10	4	12	2		9	5	17	3	15	7	13	11	1		
Doug Smith	6	4	7	5	3	6	4		5	40	3	6	6	6	4	7	5	7	3	47	
Rick Hatcher	7	3	7	5	3	5	3	7	6	46	7	3	3	6	6	4	6	4	5	44	90

Clear Scores Done

# Score to Enter If Player Does NOT Play a Hole (2 of 2)

## **GG Results** when *leaving a hole blank and not entering a score*:

- **Stroke Play** leaderboard will count as a missing hole and the scorecard will be marked as "DNF".
- **Match Play** leaderboards will count as a missing hole and loss of hole.  
**During Better Ball, if all players record an X, the hole will be tied/halved.**
- **Stableford and Quota** leaderboards will count as a missing hole, and no points will be awarded.
- Score will be calculated and posted as a net double bogey.