Posting Match Play Scores for Handicap Purposes

The 2019 Match Play Scores will be posted in GHIN this year. After reviewing the USGA policy for "Posting Match Play Scores" the Match Play Committee has concluded that the USGA policy should be followed.

The concession of a hole is not a concession of the score on the hole as described in the USGA policy. The other important part of the policy is that once a match has ended the score on each of the remaining holes is par plus any handicap strokes based on the hole handicap. Said another way a player **does not** record scores for "playing out" the remaining holes.

Please review carefully the "most likely score" description reproduced directly from the USGA policy below.

It is important that everyone understand the procedures to be followed.

The actual USGA Policy is as follows:



For Handicap Purposes

1. Holes played and completed

Record score for each hole played and completed.

2. Holes played, but not completed

If you begin play on the hole but do not complete the hole, record the number of strokes taken, plus the number of strokes you most likely* would have taken to complete the hole. That number is not to exceed your maximum allowable hole score on the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) Chart.

3. Conceded Strokes

Treat conceded strokes the same as #2, Holes played but not completed.

4. Holes not played

If you stop the match play round because one competitor has already won, record par plus any strokes you are entitled to on the remaining holes. You must, however, play at least 13 holes in order for an 18-hole round to be posted, and must play at least 7 holes for a 9-hole round to be posted for handicap purposes.

*most likely score:

A most likely score is the score a player must post for handicap purposes if a hole is started but not completed or if the player is conceded the hole.

The "most likely score" consists of the number of strokes already taken, plus, in the player's best judgment, the number of strokes the player would take to complete the hole from that position more than half the time.

This number may not exceed the player's Equitable Stroke Control limit.