



ROLE of the Member

Every SCGA member MUST:

- Be a member of an authorized golf club, either green grass facility of affiliate club, within the SCGA jurisdiction.
- Follow all policies and procedures set forth by the SCGA and your golf club.
- Try and make the best score you can, at each hole, in every round you play regardless of where the round is played.
- Post every acceptable round for peer review.
- Contact the club Handicap Chair, not the SCGA, for any handicap related questions.

Common Questions

What are my SCGA member benefits?

SCGA Member Benefits include:

- Online Score Posting (if approved by club)
- Receive Monthly Index Via E-Mail with I-Mail
- Annual Golfers Report Card
- Annual Membership Card
- Bag Tag
- Reduced Green Fees at the SCGA Golf Course
- Bimonthly Issues of FORE Magazine
- Special FORE Magazine Travel Supplements
- Reciprocal play benefits with the Northern California Golf Association and Oregon Golf Association:
- Poppy Hills - NCGA
- Poppy Ridge - NCGA
- Tukwila - OGA
- Eligibility to Participate in SCGA Tournaments
- Ability to Post at All Southern California Golf Course Facilities
- Team Play
- Casual Golf Days
- E-Communications
- Hole in One Certificates
- Partner's Program
- SCGA Directory of Golf

Who is my Handicap Chair?

Visit www.scga.org for a complete list of all clubs and certified Handicap Chairs

What should I contact my Handicap Chair for?

- Score Correction - Change of Address
- Bag Tag - New Member Card
- Transfer to New Club - SCGA Directory
- ALL Handicap Related Questions -

How long is my SCGA membership valid?

SCGA memberships are good for one calendar year. Contact your handicap chair for membership renewal information.

Can I keep my same member number?

YES! To eliminate multiple index profiles, SCGA members have one member number no matter how many clubs they belong to. The SCGA retains score files for a 24 month period. If you previously had an SCGA number, be sure to notify your handicap chair when signing up for membership.

When will I receive my SCGA membership number?

Once your application is processed, you will receive your SCGA membership number from your Handicap Chair. Memberships processed at the golf course will receive an SCGA member number immediately. Applications sent to the SCGA office will be processed within 5 days of receipt. The golfer will not be able to post scores online until the first of the following month.

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All About the INDEX

What is an Index?

An SCGA/USGA Handicap Index is a numeral taken to one decimal place used to indicate a measurement of a player's potential ability on a course of standard playing difficulty.

How do I receive an index?

After obtaining a membership with an SCGA member golf club, you must post a minimum of five adjusted gross scores to obtain an index. Until you have established an index, you should use the maximum allowable index for posting purposes:

36.4 for men and 40.4 for women.

Can I only use my index at my home course?

Of course not! A Handicap Index is portable and can be used from any golf course with a USGA Course and Slope rating.

How is my index updated?

Your Handicap Index will be calculated one time each month during the monthly handicap revision. This generally takes place around the 24th of the month. Your official index is valid from the first of each month until the last day of the month.

How do I find out what my Handicap Index is?

1. View online under Handicap Index Look Up
2. Sign up for I-Mail to receive your index via email prior to the first of the month
3. Call our toll free automated system at: 888.724.2202
4. View your club Handicap Index report



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Posting Scores

How do I adjust my score?

You must convert your Handicap Index to a course handicap by using the Slope chart of the tees being played. Then, based on your course handicap, use the Equitable Stroke Control Chart to adjust any individual hole scores, based on your maximum allowable.

After adjustments have been made, post the **adjusted gross score**.

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL	
18-Hole Course Handicap	Maximum ESC Number On Any Hole
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

***Net** and **gross** scores are for tournament purposes only.



www.ign.net

Can I post scores out of state? What is the IGN?

If you travel out of the Southern California area, look for the IGN logo or wording on the posting computer. The International Golf Network (IGN) gives players the opportunity to post scores outside their state association and have those scores routed back to their home association.

If the IGN is available, select the IGN logo or wording menu item, then select Southern California Golf Association. Enter your SCGA number and follow the prompts to post your score. If the IGN is not available in the area you are visiting, bring your scorecard home and ask your club's Handicap Chair to post the score for you or post online if your club allows online score posting.

Multi association golfers can also have their score files linked for automatic transmission of scores between IGN participating associations.

How do I view posted scores?

Scores are available to view on golf course computers as well as the Handicap Index Look Up area on the SCGA website under scores current month. Scores are removed from viewing on the internet on the handicap revision date (around the 24th of the month) and reposted to the golfers official score file on the first of the month.