

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**

### ***How does a new member get an SCGA HANDICAP INDEX?***

A new member without an SCGA Handicap/Index needs to establish one. If you are not an SCGA member, Triple S will register you and notify you of your new SCGA membership number. When the new member gets an SCGA number, he will originally get an NH (No Handicap) index.

The new member needs to play and post a minimum of 5 scores on an SCGA GHIN computer system before he gets a registered index. There is also a GHIN Mobile app for smartphones that will also allow the member to post a score, view his rounds of golf and current SCGA handicap/index.

Initially, his best score after 5 games will be his index. After posting 7 games, his index is an average of his two best scores and so on until his index is the average of best 10 of the last 20 posted games.

To check the new handicap/index after 5 games, the member can go to the Triple S Senior website ([www.tripleSseniors.com](http://www.tripleSseniors.com)), click on Handicap/Index on the main menu, and view or download the latest Handicap/Index Report.

### ***What is the procedure I need to do when playing in a HOME game or HOME tournament?***

- 1) Home games are played on the first and second Wednesday of the month. Home Tournaments are played on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Unless notified otherwise.
- 2) The home tournament chair will post the tee times on the website under Home Tournament on the Main Menu. Click on the latest Home Start Sheet to get your tee time and see the names of the other three players in your foursome.
- 3) Go online to check on your Handicap/Index or check the Handicap/Index Report when you check in on Wednesday. There will be a full printout of the handicap/index at the sign-in table all home rounds.
- 4) On Wednesday morning, check in with the starter at the La Mirada GC and give your Triple S Club tee time and your name.
  - a. Present your senior card and/or Players club card if you have them
  - b. Pay for your game
- 5) Check in at the Triple S Seniors Golf Club desk in the cafeteria area
  - a. Pay your home game/tournament prize fund fee once you have an established Handicap/Index. Before you have a handicap, you are not eligible for prizes.
- 6) Get a score card and fill in your name and Triple S Handicap/Index.
- 7) Warm up and get ready to play. The course offers us a small bucket of balls when you sign in.
- 8) Join up with your foursome and be prepared to tee off.
- 9) Another member of your foursome will keep your scorecard. Meet your partners and exchange scorecards.

### ***What are the Away Tournaments?***

- We play one Away Tournament every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.
- You need to sign up to play the Away Tournament or notify the Away Tournament Chair
- All members are encouraged to join in on the Away Tournaments

### ***What do I do after completing my HOME Game/Tournament?***

- 1) Add up the gross score (total number of swings), subtract your handicap to get your Net score, and compute your Adjusted Gross Score so you know what number to post in the computer.
- 2) Get your scorecard, review your Gross, Net and Adj Gross scores and sign your card (Attested by). Another member of your foursome should have kept your scorecard and signed as Scorer.
- 3) Go to the La Mirada GC computer and post your Adjusted Gross score using your SCGA membership number.
  - a. Enter your SCGA Membership number
  - b. Enter the game type (Home or Home Tournament)
  - c. Enter your Adjusted Gross Score. See our website for how to calculate the Adjusted Gross Score if you do not know how to do that.
  - d. Click on Finish
- 4) Put your scorecard in the Triple S drop box
  - a. Make certain there are 2 signatures on your scorecard. Scorer (not you) and Attestor
  - b. Make sure you post your score on the computer before putting it in the drop box
  - c. You will be disqualified if you do not have the 2 signatures and you do not post your Adjusted Gross score.

### ***When posting my score, when do I select the game type as Home or Home Tournament?***

- Week 1 and 2 Game should be posted as Home (H).
- Week 4 Games should be posted as Home Tournament (T).
- You are responsible for posting every round you play.
- Putting your card in the box does not “post” your score. You must enter the Adj. Gross score for every time you play at any course in the USA into the course computer or the mobile GHIN app.
- SCGA is our membership league. GHIN is the company SCGA hires to handle the computation of the handicap/Index. Many people use SCGA and GHIN synonymously.

### ***How do I convert my index to a handicap?***

- Players needs to memorize their SCGA Membership number.
- Twice a month, new Indexes are published by SCGA and posted on the Triple S website. Members will also get an email indicating what their new index is.
- Using the index, you convert the index to a handicap, but going to the posting computer at any golf course, find the tee box you are going to play from, look for the chart for that tee box and find the conversion from your index to a handicap for that round of golf. On the Triple S website under Handicap/Index, you can click on the golf ball to convert an index to a handicap. You need to know the slope value for the tee box you are going to play. Every course has a different slope value for each tee box.
- If you like math, this formula will convert index to handicap;  $\text{Index} \times \text{Slope} \div 113$ . Round the answer and that is your handicap for that tee box. If you have the GHIN mobile app on your smartphone, it has a handicap calculator on the main page.

### ***How does a golfer adjust his score if he has more strokes than the Max Number he can take for a hole?***

- There is a detailed explanation on our website ([www.tripleSeniors.com](http://www.tripleSeniors.com)). Go to the main menu and click on Adjusting Gross Score.