



New Golfer Tips

1. Get set up in the Handicap System:

Signing up for a Virginia State Golf Association (VSGA) GHIN number with the RCC Pro Shop. The cost is \$40.00 per person and this will allow you to post your scores to create a handicap. You will need to post at least 5 scores to be issued a Handicap Index.

2. Start posting scores

There are several ways to post your rounds.

Ways to post scores:

The VSGA site: <http://vsga.org>

Pro Shop computer: See anyone in the Pro Shop for instructions

GHIN Mobile App: Download the free app, log in with your VSGA GHIN # (available from the Pro Shop), tap POST SCORE and follow the prompts

Calculating your score:

1. Equitable Stroke Control (i.e., your “max”)

Except in a tournament, the handicap rules establish the maximum number of strokes you can put down for any hole. Your max score for any hole is determined based on the table. Note that your ‘max’ is based on your handicap for the course; for RC, this will be about 3 strokes higher than the index which shows up on the VSGA system. The ‘max’ does not change based on par for the hole.

Course Handicap	Maximum 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

2. Not finishing a hole

If you don't finish a hole (for example, during a best ball event your partner has a better net score so you pick up), use your MOST LIKELY SCORE up to your maximum equitable score (see below). Do not put in your max automatically just because you didn't finish Score Guidelines

3. Not finishing a round

You're required to post a 9-hole score if you play at least 7 holes and an 18 hole score if you play at least 12 holes. Put in your equitable score (par plus your handicap strokes) for any holes you didn't play. The pro shop can tell you what your equitable score is if you don't know.

Other Sources of Information

WGA Website (Events, tournament explanations, golf rule guides, member directory):
www.rivercreekwga.com

USGA Website(handicap rules, rules of golf): www.usga.org

ClubCorp Member Login (tee times): <http://www.clubcorp.com/Clubs/River-Creek-Club/>

The WGA board is always available to answer questions or give you suggestions on someone who can. You can email us at wga@rivercreekwga.com. Contact information for individual board members is available on the web site.