

Establishing an official Handicap Index:

For golfers who are not members of golf clubs, the easiest way to establish a handicap index is through a public golf course. Most public courses in NJ are members of the NJSGA and provide handicap service for daily fee golfers. If there is a golf course you play often or is close to where you live or work and you would like to find out if they provide handicapping, you should either ask at the golf course or check the NJSGA [Club Directory](#), if the golf course is a member chances are they provide handicapping service. Also, feel free to email or phone the NJSGA cottage (973) 338-8334.

Once established, using your last name and GHIN # you will be able to post scores online and upon the next revision you will be able to retrieve your last twenty scores and handicap index at www.njsga.org and www.ghin.com. In addition, (also) using your last name and GHIN # you can receive your updated handicap index via email. For more information on emailed handicaps and other handicapping questions and concerns please search our other informative links under Handicapping or send an email to handicaps@njsga.org.

Important Notes:

- 1. Each season you must re-activate your handicap by paying a renewal fee at your home golf course.**
- 2. Golfers with no previous handicap must post at least 5 scores to receive a handicap index.**
- 3. Also, once activated or renewed you will have to wait until the next revision cycle to lookup your handicap index at www.njsga.org and www.ghin.com.**

NJSGA/GHIN Handicap Benefits

1. First and foremost, you are now able to compete on an equitable basis with other golfers with handicaps of higher and or lower skill levels.
2. Your handicap supports the NJSGA, a non-profit organization that supports the best interest of golf in the state of New Jersey.
3. If your handicap index qualifies you are also eligible to compete in our championship events, such as the Amateur, State Open, Mid-Amateur, Amateur Men's and Women's Public Links, along with less elite (but very competitive) events like our Father and Son and Mixed Pinehurst. For more information regarding tournaments, search the home page under *Championships*.
4. You also receive a free monthly copy of the New Jersey State Golf Magazine. The magazine, which is co-sponsored by the NJPGA, will keep you informed on state and national championships, places to play, new golf courses, provide PGA golf tips, and much more about golf in New Jersey.

