A "tournament score" (T-Score) is a score made in a competition organized and conducted by the Committee in charge of the competition. The competition must identify a winner(s) based on a stipulated round(s), and must be played under the Rules of Golf.

The Committee in charge of the competition must announce in advance whether the score is to be designated as a Tournament Score. Not all club competitions qualify to be posted as Tournament Scores. For example, club events that are routine events such as daily, weekly, or monthly play days should not be designated as Tournament Scores.

Examples of scores made at the club level that should be designated as Tournament Scores include club championships (stroke play or match play) and member-guest competitions. Examples at the regional and state level include qualifying and championship rounds conducted by Authorized Golf Associations. Also, qualifying and championship rounds conducted for national competitions should be designated as Tournament Scores.

Note: The consequence of designating too many competition rounds as Tournament Scores is that the chart value in the Handicap Reduction Table will be diluted (See Section 10-3 and Decisions 10-3/1 through 10-3/6). The Committee should scrutinize each competition in advance to determine whether it should be designated as a Tournament Score.