



# Women's Golf Association of New Jersey, Inc. USGA HANDICAP PROGRAM

**As a part of your WGANJ membership, you receive a FREE USGA Handicap (GHIN)!**

WGANJ encourages all of its members to establish a USGA handicap to recognize and track improvements in their golfing experience. The USGA Handicap Indexes are designed to allow golfers of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis and thereby increase the enjoyment they derive from a round of golf. Handicap scoring will be used at WGANJ Golf Outings and other activities throughout the season, providing you with opportunities to compete, win prizes, identify improvement in your game and reward you for those special shots! In some cases, a USGA handicap may be required to participate in other golf outings you attend.

**How Does the USGA Handicap Program Work?** As a member of WGANJ, you will be able to obtain or renew your Golf Handicap Index Number (GHIN) which will provide you with a USGA Handicap Index. The Handicap Index will be issued through WGANJ as a golf club (without real estate) in the form of a number taken to one decimal place, e.g. 22.4. This index is converted into a course handicap when you play at different courses based on the course slope rating. This makes it possible for players of differing abilities to compete equitably.

**Post Your Scores on the Internet** That's right! The WGANJ USGA Handicap Program will allow for Internet posting of scores through the [www.GHIN.com](http://www.GHIN.com) website from April to October. After your application is processed through WGANJ, a renewing member will have immediate access to posting and score review. If you are new to the USGA Handicap System, you will receive a GHIN and instructions on how to post scores.

Once you start posting scores, establishing a Handicap Index is easy. Enjoy your round of golf and post your score at home on your computer or at most golf courses. After scores from five rounds of golf are posted, a Handicap Index will be established. You will continue to enter scores throughout the season and the USGA will choose the best 10 out of 20 scores and keep your Handicap Index up-to-date. You will receive an email notice from the USGA approximately every two weeks during the golfing season with your updated Handicap Index. This email provides a summary of your inputted scores and includes a section that resembles a card that can be cut out and put in your wallet.

## HOW DO I SIGN UP AND BEGIN TO ESTABLISH MY USGA HANDICAP INDEX? or HOW DO I RENEW MY HANDICAP INDEX? It's Easy....just follow these simple steps!

- As a WGANJ member, there is no additional fee; simply complete the WGANJ application below for the USGA Handicap Program 2008 and mail it to WGANJ
- Within 7-10 days, you will receive a notification that your account has been activated. You will be informed of your GHIN #, club # and instructions on how to post scores
- Play golf & enter scores via the Internet or at any golf course that provides USGA handicap input. At any one time you may enter data for more than one round and for rounds at different courses.
- Receive email notifications at revision periods (usually every two weeks) of changes to your Handicap Index
- Use your Handicap Index when playing in golfing events and to track your improvement

It's that Easy! Sign Up Today! **Simply complete the information below and mail it to the address as noted or just go online to [www.wganj.org](http://www.wganj.org) to register.**

### MEMBER INFORMATION *(Please Print Clearly)*

WGANJ Member ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Check one and provide the applicable information)*

I am new to USGA Handicap. I have never had a GHIN number.

Renewal. My GHIN number is \_\_\_\_\_ My Club number is \_\_\_\_\_

I already have a GHIN but I cannot remember my number

Name on previous USGA Handicap Card \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions or need assistance, contact our USGA Handicap Program Director at [usgahandicap@wganj.org](mailto:usgahandicap@wganj.org) or call 800-8-GOLF76.

**Send WGANJ USGA Handicap Registration Form to:**  
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