

MV 9-hole League Guidelines for Game Scoring and Computer Posting for Monday Regular Games

1 As we strive to comply with the World Handicap System, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- A. Hole out on each hole. There are no “gimmies” for putts.
- B. Accurately report your gross score to the person keeping your score.
- C. In the event you must pick up your ball to maintain pace of play **and** you have reached your Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) for that hole, record your Most Likely Score. This is the honest estimate of the number of strokes it would have taken you to “hole out” had you continued based on your assessment of your ability.

2 Be aware of your **Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)** score for each hole:

- A. This is the **highest** score per hole you can use when posting your score in the **computer**.
- B. Your ESC equals PAR + 2 + the **Dots** for that hole. (The dots are on your yellow scorecard prepared by the pro shop.) Your Course Handicap from the #1 tees determines the number of dots assigned to you on each hole and is used to compute your **net score**.
- C. We generally recognize both Gross and Net winners on Mondays. Your **Gross Score** is every single stroke you take or your Most Likely Score if you had to pick up as explained earlier. Your **Net Score** is your Gross Score minus your Course Handicap.

3 This means the score you enter in the computer can be different from the gross score used to compete in that day’s game. *That is OK!* One of the goals of the World Handicap System is to minimize the impact a “bad hole” or a “bad day” might have on your handicap.

For example: Donna has a Course Handicap of 12 when she plays at Mission Valley from the #1 tees on the front nine. The dots on her scorecard indicate how these 12 strokes are dispersed over the 9 holes and are used to compute her ESC on each hole. IE – her ESC on #1 is 7 (Par + 2 + 1 dot) and her ESC on #3 is 9 (Par + 2 + 2 dots). Perhaps she has a bad hole on #3 and scores an 11 in actual strokes. For the game, she has to report the 11 strokes BUT for the computer she would only add her ESC on that hole which is 9.

Later, Donna got stuck in a sand trap on #4 and has reached her ESC of 8 as she finally gets the ball on the green **and** her group has fallen well behind the pace of play. She should pick up, record her Most Likely Score (estimating she could probably hole out in 2 more strokes) of 10 for the game score but 8 is the score she will use for the computer.

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
PAR	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	36
Donna	•	•	••	••	•	•	•	•	••	
MEN'S HANDICAP	7	15	1	5	3	17	11	13	9	
WOMEN'S HANDICAP	11	15	1	5	7	13	9	17	3	