

CHANGE TO USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM

USGA Announces National Revision Schedule; Iowa Golf Association Adopts for 2011

The Handicap Revision Schedule maintained and established by the Iowa Golf Association has been expanded to cover the entire year. Now, instead of Handicap Indexes™ being updated only during Iowa's active season (April 1 – October 31), golfers must receive an updated Handicap Index™ on the 1st and 15th of every month. Read the information below to learn about this change and what it means for you!

What you need to know...

- Starting in 2011, there will be 24 Handicap Index™ revisions per year within the Iowa Golf Association's region.
- Handicap Indexes™ will be revised on the 1st and 15th of each month.
- The active season (the time when scores made within Iowa's region can be posted) will be from April 1 – October 31.
- Golf scores made at courses within the IGA's region from November 1 – March 31 **cannot** be posted.
- However... golf scores made at courses from November 1 to March 31 that are in an active season (i.e. Texas, Arizona, Florida etc.) **must** be posted.
- If you're not sure a course you play is currently in an active season please check with the club or contact the IGA.
- By revising Handicap Indexes™ on the 1st and 15th of each month, year-round or "winter" scores will no longer sit idle in a player's scoring record until the start of Iowa's active season.

Why has the IGA decided to change the revision schedule starting in 2011?

- The USGA announced that, beginning in 2012, all associations licensed to utilize the USGA Handicap System™ must begin updating Handicap Indexes™ on the 1st and 15th of every month. The IGA, like most state and regional golf associations, has decided to make the change a year prior to the mandatory implementation.
- Having all Handicap Indexes™ update on the same calendar days will ensure that members of multiple associations will have their scoring records updated on the same days.

2011 Iowa Handicap Revision Schedule

Revision Number	Revision Effective Date
1	Sat, Jan 1
2	Sat, Jan 15
3	Tues, Feb 1
4	Tues, Feb 15
5	Tues, March 1
6	Tues, March 15
7	Fri, April 1
8	Fri, April 15
9	Sun, May 1
10	Sun, May 15
11	Wed, June 1
12	Wed, June 15
13	Fri, July 1
14	Fri, July 15
15	Mon, Aug 1
16	Mon, Aug 15
17	Thurs, Sept 1
18	Thurs, Sept 15
19	Sat, Oct 1
20	Sat, Oct 15
21	Tues, Nov 1
22	Tues, Nov 15
23	Thurs, Dec 1
24	Thurs, Dec 15

Active Season for IGA Region Highlighted

"Any club located within the region covered by an authorized golf association (Iowa Golf Association) shall observe the revision schedule established by the association" -Section 8-3 USGA Handicap System Manual

A handicap that does not comply with the above may NOT be termed a "USGA Handicap Index"™

Please contact the Iowa Golf Association if you have any questions concerning the USGA Handicap System.