



2025 Handicap Administration

The primary duty of the Handicap Committee is to *"enhance the enjoyment of the game of golf and to allow as many players as possible to... compete, or play a casual round, with anyone else on a fair and equal basis."* In fulfillment of those responsibilities Geneva National Member's Club has continued to partner with Cap Patrol to assist with member communications related to handicap management and peer review.

When posting your scores we REQUIRE that you post hole by hole scores vs just your total score. When posting hole by hole each player would post their gross scores, and the handicap system will calculate all Equitable Stroke Control adjustments based on each member's individual handicap. Hole by hole posting provides the details for our committee to conduct annual reviews of each course's individual hole handicap and adjust, if needed, based on this information. It also provides everyone with more statistical information that can help improve your game.

Members who have their handicap through GHIN and are members at several clubs are required to set Geneva National as your home club for our tournament season.

Members who have their handicap through the CDGA must acquire through our Geneva National CDGA account so your CDGA handicap is visible to Geneva National.

With our recent POS conversion and updates from Cap Patrol we now have all five facets of Cap Patrol in operation. We will reconcile tee time data with score posting information and deploy the following:

- Reminder to post - member will receive two days after date of play if a score has not been posted
- Peer Review – this is a validation of posting activity sent to members with a Cap Score of 75 or less the day after the Reminder to Post, reviewing members scores post that you have recently played with. Remember this will only go out for members with a Cap Score of 75 or less.
- Final Reminder to Post – this is the last warning to members to post before they acquire a Failure to Post Violation. Sent out on the fourth day after the date of play.
- Failure to Post – is sent to any member with a Cap Score below 75 that did not post a score within five days of date of play. This will result in the following action:
 - 1st Violation – Warning
 - 2nd Violation – Score equal to your handicap will be posted
 - 3rd Violation – Penalty score in accordance with Rule 7.1 of the USGA Handicap Manual
 - 4th Violation – 30 Day suspension from playing in any club events
 - 5th Violation – Withdraw your Handicap per Rule 7.1c of the USGA Handicap Manual
- Cap Score – A golfer's Cap Score is in essence their "Golfing Credit Score" as it pertains to their handicap index. Cap Score is a supplement to GHIN designed to improve fair play at tournaments and events. The formula uses several factors such as:
 - The last 12 months high and low handicap
 - Home vs. away scores
 - Potential – index based on tournament scores

- % of rounds posted vs. played
- Tournament points won by the members

The algorithm takes 43 data points of a golfer and calculates a Cap Score to determine the accuracy of their current Handicap index. Cap Score is graded from 0-100. 0 being the worst possible Cap Score, 100 being perfect.

Any golfer with a cap score below 50 should be considered for a Handicap Adjustment.

The USGA is considering a similar system. However, the USGA does not consider performance in club-based events when assessing the accuracy of a Handicap Index. Cap Patrol uses club-based events as a strong factor in our Cap Score algorithm. This is because Cap Patrol considers competition performance to be reflective of golfers' true playing ability.

Cap Score calculations adhere to GHIN guidelines when compiling the following data:

- Competition Index = Last 20 competition scores, or the last 2 years of competition scores if 20 rounds have not been played in the past 2 years
- Home vs Away = Last 5 home and away rounds
- Handicap Index = Last 12 months of standard index scoring. However, Cap Patrol does not factor in the Soft Cap, Hard Cap, or Modified to maintain the raw data and provide the best accuracy.

Members with a Cap Score of 39 or below will appear with their Cap Score highlighted in red. Cap Patrol's recommendation is for a 100% reduction of the difference between their current index vs the lower of the Last 12 Months or Competition index. Geneva National Member's Club is following this procedure for 2025.

Event Point System (EPS)

There are 8 tiers of scoring based on the size of the field, and the designation of the event as Major or Minor. The Scoring breakdown is depicted here.

The maximum Event Points a golfer can win from a single event is 6.0. This would be finishing 1st in a 100+ person Major.

Based on USGA Event guidelines, any player that places on the podium in a competition more than twice in 24 months is a statistical outlier. Cap Patrol recommends an additional Handicap Reduction if a player is an outlier in the Event Points System.

How this system works is it factors in the number of competition rounds played in the past two years in conjunction with Event Points accumulated. If a player reaches any of these thresholds they will be recommended for an additional reduction on top of the Cap Patrol Standard algorithm.

Any player reaching the red numbers in the far-right column will receive an automatic reduction. This serves as a catch-all for a player who may be managing their handicap in a way that can evade the Cap Score algorithm and in turn benefit at Club Events.

Event Point System						
Index %	Tournaments Played in 2 Years					
Reduction	8 or less	9~15	16-22	23-29	30-36	37+
10%	7	10	13	15	17	19
20%	9	12	15	17	19	21
25%	11	14	17	19	21	23
30%	13	16	19	21	23	25
35%	15	18	21	23	25	27
45%	17	20	23	25	27	29
50%	18	21	24	26	28	30

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Points are based on field size. Smaller the field/flight the less points are given out. For example: The Pentacle had over 120 players, and being classified as a Major the winner would receive 6 points towards their EPS.

Majors					Minors				
Players/Teams	0 ~ 20	21 ~ 49	50 ~ 99	100+	Players/Teams	0 ~ 20	21 ~ 49	50 ~ 99	100+
Winner	3	4	5	6	Winner	1.5	2	2.5	3
Runner Up	2	3	4	4	Runner Up	1	1.5	2	2
Third	1	2	3	3	Third	0.5	1	1.5	1.5
Fourth	0	1	2	2	Fourth	0	0.5	1	1
Fifth	0	0	1	1	Fifth	0	0	0.5	0.5
Flight	0	0	1	1	Flight	0	0	0.5	0.5

Events Classified as Major Events at GN

- Club Championship*
- Member-Member Championship
- Pentacle
- Triple Crown
- Bonnie & Clyde
- Legends Cup
- Presidents Cup
- Challenge Cup
- Queens Cup

Events Classified as Minor Events at GN

- Mixed Team Championship
- Weekend Golf

These events were classified by the GN Player of the Year point system. All scrambles, Men's & Ladies National Days, SOWF, and other smaller events are not calculated into Cap Patrol.

*EPS Points for the club championship are determined differently. Cap Patrol has suggested that all events that we record must be NET competitions for an equal playing field, and since the Men's and Ladies championship flight is a gross event, those results are not given any EPS points. We have also classified club champion flights with less than 6 participants in the "Minor" category.

The Cap Patrol system uses a proprietary algorithm that takes into consideration many factors including:

- A players' potential or ability in recent play and tournament rounds
- Variance in home vs. away performance
- Disparity in casual vs. competitive scores reported
- Placement in club sponsored tournaments/events

Cap Patrol works with hundreds of clubs, monitoring hundreds of thousands of golfers spanning millions of rounds and utilizes this intelligence to promote integrity in the game of golf. Cap Patrol provides our staff and Handicap Committee with objective data to manage an issue that can affect the culture of a club if unaddressed.

Cap Patrol has also harnessed a wealth of data to create a fun and exciting FREE APP for all members. ***You do not need to have the APP to post scores, and you do not post score in this APP, it is just another tool for you to better understand your handicap and golf game.*** The app is customized for Geneva National Member's Club. You can download the Cap Patrol App by searching for "Cap Patrol" in the App Store on your device. You will need your GHIN number and a valid email address to log in.

Best of all, the Cap Patrol app is free for all members. You will only need your GHIN number to download the Cap Patrol app.

Benefits to members:

- An easier way to keep track of your current play and how you have played in the past.
- Track and compare your play at home, away, in tournaments, and more.
- Built-in games for you and fellow members. You can track the performances of your friends. The Cap Patrol app will also allow your group to set up the most competitive teams using trends in individual performance.
- Features like 'Hot Index,' Last 3', and 'Clutch %' add a fun, social component to your golfing.

Thank you, and don't forget to download the app for your iPhone or Android!

I-Tunes <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/cap-patrol/id1496169354>

Google Play <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cappatrol.cappatrol.android>

As a valued member of Geneva National we are constantly looking for ways to enrich your experience and our partnership with Cap Patrol is beneficial toward that end. Should you have any questions or comments regarding Cap Patrol, please direct them to our Handicap Committee.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration of this matter.

Best Regards,

Geneva National Handicap Committee

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P.S. Please refer to this brief [Cap Patrol Member Introduction Video](#) (4 minutes) to learn more about Cap Patrol.