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GHIN Number and Handicap Index Requirement Removed!

Attention Athletic Directors and Boy and Girls Golf Coaches:

On December 7, 2011, the CIF-SS Boys and Girls Golf Committees decided to no longer require high school players in the CIF-SS to carry a GHIN number. This decision will take effect with the current 2012 Boys Golf Season and the 2012 Girls Golf Season in the fall.

The CIF-SS Boys and Girls Golf Committees felt that our section is simply too large and that verifying the accuracy of the handicap indexes for over 4,000 golfers is not feasible from a management standpoint. If our section were smaller, we feel there would be a chance to better verify and utilize the indexes, but unfortunately this is not the case with over 500 high schools.

The CIF-SS Boys and Girls Golf Committees still strongly encourages players to establish a GHIN number and accurately keep a valid handicap index by posting all of their scores. Here are some methods by which junior golfers (under 18) can still keep a valid GHIN number.

- Players can join a local men's or women's golf club.
- Players can join the Southern California Golf Association's Youth on Course program and receive discounted pricing on green fees and range balls as well as maintain a valid GHIN number. Here is a link to information about Youth on Course <http://scga.org/yoc>.
- Players can join a junior association to maintain a valid GHIN number. Here is link to a list of junior associations in Southern California <http://scga.org/foundation/juniorgolf/resources>.
- Players who are members of the SCPGA Junior Golf Tour, www.scpgajrtour.com, can maintain a valid GHIN number through their membership on the tour.
- Players can join any golf club associated with one of the golf associations in Southern California. A Handicap Index must be maintained through a golf club.

Please use your existing GHIN number when you sign up under one of the above options to maintain your GHIN number. If you have forgotten your GHIN number, the club you join will be able to look up your previous GHIN number. A GHIN number that is inactive remains in the system for up to 24 months, so you have ample time to find a new club to join and keep your GHIN number.

For more information about GHIN numbers and handicap indexes, please consult the Women's Southern California Golf Association (WSCGA) or the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA).

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<http://www.womensgolf.org/wscga/>

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