

Date: November 6, 2020
To: Penn National Handicap System Members
From: Penn National Handicap Committee

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE: Beginning November 15th GolfNet will no longer be available for entering scores into the Penn National Handicap System. Now through November 14th, continue to use GolfNet for entering your scores.

The Penn National Handicap System is converting off of GolfNet, moving to a GHIN based system through the Golf Association of Philadelphia (GAP). There are two primary reasons for this conversion.

First, the new World Handicap System requires us to become a member of a regional association or lose our ability to have a Handicap System for our members. We are a member of the Golf Association of Philadelphia (GAP). Secondly, the Golf Association of Philadelphia currently offers a handicap system to all of their member golf clubs. Their system uses GHIN – Golf Handicap Information Network, a service maintained by the USGA. They provide this, along with many other benefits, to all GAP members.

WHAT THIS MEANS TO YOU... November 15th, you will no longer be able to logon to GolfNet. Your PNGC### will no longer be valid.. As noted in our last communication, the 15th is the first day of our “inactive” season. During our inactive season, rounds played at Penn National are not counted in the handicap system and do not need to be posted.

Prior to Nov 15th, sign in to GolfNet and write down the 8-digit number just above your name on your main page. This is your GHIN ID number. You will need this ID number to enter scores after Nov 15th.

If you play at a course that is still “active”, enter your scores using www.ghin.com or the mobile app, GHIN Mobile. Both require your GHIN ID and your last name. Please note: this will not work until after the conversion on the 15th. From now until Nov 14th, continue to use GolfNet and your PNGC### to enter your scores.

We will continue to communicate any new information as we move through this transition from GolfNet to GAP-GHIN. Additional details can be found on the second page of this communication.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any Handicap Committee member. Or, talk with one of our Pros.

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Here are some additional details, if you are interested.

The implementation of the new World Handicap System in January of this year created a new hierarchy for all golf clubs and their Handicap Systems. Local golf clubs must now be linked to a regional association. The regional association is linked to a major association. The major association is linked to the World Handicap System.

In other words, the Handicap System for Penn National Golf Club is linked to the Golf Association of Philadelphia (GAP). GAP is directly linked to the USGA, who then is linked to the overall WHS. This same hierarchy pertains to every handicap system and golf club throughout the world.

GAP is our regional golf association. Their website is gapgolf.org. Some of the benefits to GAP member golf clubs are

- Access to the GAP mobile app for information and entering scores into the Handicap System
 - This will replace the current GolfNet mobile app in January 2021
- Automatically scheduled course ratings
 - Our next course rating is already scheduled for this coming year, 2021
- A computer kiosk for the pro shop
- Education, including webinars and seminars for many golf related topics
 - Topics include rules, course ratings, and many handicap system related items
- Access to GAP tournaments and inter-club matches
 - All ages, all skill levels
- GAP Magazine, a seasonal magazine with information for member clubs

Please remember: you will need your GHIN ID number (currently found on your GolfNet home page) to enter scores and get handicap information after the Nov 15th conversion.

In order to provide increased security procedures and privacy, USGA will be upgrading its GHIN logon procedures in January 2021. This will require each member to establish an account, with a valid email address and a password for the account. Since our conversion will occur on Nov 15th, Penn National will not begin using the GAP interface to GHIN until after the new procedures are implemented. This prevents all of our members from learning one way to login now only to change to a new set of procedures and screens in 2021. So, as documented on page 1 of this communication, use www.ghin.com or [GHIN Mobile](#), with your GHIN ID and your last name to enter scores from “active” courses until notified in January to begin using the GAP mobile app or computer interface.

For your reference, this and previous Handicap Committee communications can be found on the Penn National website at <https://www.penngolf.com/golf/membership/handicaps>.