



VSGA CLUB LICENSE PROGRAM FAQs

Q: Why did the USGA create the Club Licensing Program?

A: The purpose of the Club Licensing Program is to ensure that all golf clubs in the United States comply with the USGA Handicap System™. Each golf club must meet the requirements of the VSGA Club Compliance Checklist before any are authorized to issue a USGA Handicap Index®. If a club is not complying with some aspect of the USGA Handicap System, then it will not be authorized to issue a USGA Handicap Index to its members.

Q: Who is eligible to participate in the Club Licensing Program?

A: The Club Licensing Program is something that is required for all clubs in the United States that wish to issue a USGA Handicap Index to members. If a club is a member of the Virginia State Golf Association, then it must sign an agreement with the VSGA. Any golf club wishing to issue a USGA Handicap Index to its members must be approved through the USGA Club Licensing Program.

Q: What is expected of current member clubs of the Virginia State Golf Association in regard to the Club Licensing Program?

A: The VSGA must receive written confirmation from each of its member clubs stating that the club is following the USGA Handicap System. Once a club has confirmed that it complies with the Handicap System requirements, the VSGA will send a listing of its authorized clubs to the USGA, so that the club names will be placed on the USGA website as authorized golf clubs.

Q: My club completed the license program under the previous term. What does this mean for my club relative to the current term?

A: All clubs licensed under the term that ended on December 31, 2007 will remain licensed through 2011 as long as a club representative again attends a handicap seminar and passes the test exhibiting knowledge of the system during the next term of 2008-2011. The club must also again submit a signed VSGA Club License Application and VSGA Club Compliance Checklist to the VSGA prior to issuing a Handicap Index to its members.

Q: How does an individual know if a club is authorized by the USGA?

A: Once a club is approved, the USGA will have an updated listing of golf clubs authorized to use the USGA Handicap System on the USGA website, www.usga.org. The VSGA will also send a letter out confirming that the club is authorized to issue a Handicap Index to its members.

Q: How often will the Authorized Golf Club listing be updated on the USGA website?

A: The Authorized Golf Club listing on the USGA website will be updated on a weekly basis.

Q: Our golf professional attended a USGA Handicap System seminar. I have read that the golf professional cannot chair the handicap committee for the club. Is the golf professional eligible to count as the Handicap System seminar participant for our golf club?

A: Yes. While it is highly encouraged that a member of the golf club, most likely the Handicap Chairman, participates in a USGA Handicap System seminar, the club golf professional can count for seminar participation.