

Tee it FORWARD

The USGA and PGA Tour recommend the use of the “Tee it Forward” program to speed up play and increase enjoyment for players of all ages and skill levels. The Sheridan Park course has installed Forward Tees (there’s a Gold band on one of the two tee markers at the forward teeing area) and our Board has voted unanimously to include their use for handicap purposes and in most club events.

The Forward Tees have been rated (Rating 67.5/Slope 117) and those tees are now in the Handicap System as the “Gold Tees” and a Course Handicap Table for Gold Tees has been posted below the Handicap sheets.

The way this works is:

- Just like any player can choose to play either the White or Blue tees for most rounds, any player can now choose to play the Gold (Forward) Tees. But you need to make that choice prior to the start of the round and you need to play all holes in that round from the same set of tees
- If you play from the Gold Tees:
 - Your Handicap (for that round) is determined by using your Handicap Index (a number with a single decimal point – like 9.1) from the Handicap sheets and referring to the Course Handicap Table for the Gold Tees. There it shows that a 9.1 gets 10 strokes from the Gold Tees (even though he would only get 9 strokes from the Whites)
 - You need to post your score in the GHIN system as playing from the Gold (not White tees). Note that the lower Rating and Slope for those tees will automatically adjust those scores to keep your Handicap Index approximately the same
 - If you’re playing a match like a President’s Cup match and one or more players choose to play from the Gold Tees and one or more from the White Tees, you need to first determine each player’s Handicap from the Tees they choose to play and the player(s) playing from the Gold Tees also need to give the player(s) playing from the White Tees 3 strokes (to compensate for the 2.7 difference in the Ratings of the Tees)
 - For example: Joe is a 12.7 handicap which equates to a 13 from Gold Tees and 14 from White Tees. Bob is a 21.1 which is 22 from Gold and 23 from White. If Joe is playing the White Tees he gets 14 strokes and if Bob plays from the Gold he gets 22. So for their match, the difference is 8 strokes MINUS 3 because of the Tee difference so Bob only gets 5 strokes for that match if he plays from the Gold but would get 9 strokes if he played from the White Tees.