



2016 – 2017 Handicap Chair Certification & Licensing Program FAQs

Q: I'm still going to be the Handicap Chair for my club for the 2016 season. I attended a seminar last year and passed my Handicapping Quiz. Do I have to recertify, considering it's a new term?

A: No. All current Certified Handicap Chairs (from the previous term of 2012-2015) who are staying on in their positions will have their status extended through 2017. Even if you completed the process at the beginning of the term back in 2012, you are good to go through the end of 2017. For confirmation of your certification status, please contact Kelly at Kelly@oga.org or call 503-981-4653 x226.

Q: I'm a brand new Handicap Chair (or Co-Chair) this year for my club. What do I need to do to become certified?

A: ***All new Handicap Chairs must go through Certification as soon as possible, as the mandatory requirements for new HCs have not changed.*** Two types of classes are offered – one is a 2-hour Orientation Class (suggested, not required) and a 6-hour Certification & Licensing Seminar (mandatory). Please refer to the 2016 Schedule of Certification Seminars for dates and locations and contact Kelly to sign up.

Q: Are Handicap Co-Chairs required to become certified?

A: No, but it's a good idea! Having at least two members at every club who have taken the time and effort to learn the Handicap System by attending a class in person will highly benefit your club. Not only is the job of handicapping too much for one officer to take on, it's a lot more fun to tackle with a buddy in tow!

Q: Can other club officers become certified?

A: Yes, we encourage multiple officers of the same club attend classes to learn more about handicapping and even take the quiz if they wish. We only officially certify the Handicap Chair of each club, however. As long as there is room in the seminar, other club officers are more than welcome. Please contact Kelly to check space availability.

Q: Why is the current term (2016-2017) only for two years and not four as the previous terms were?

A: The USGA has edited the Handicap System and the Rules of Golf for a two-year cycle this time around, anticipating bigger changes ahead for 2018.