

GlobalView Golf
Some Questions and Answers

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Q: Why should I bother to read the rest of this document?

A: **It describes the advantages and opportunities for you to use your every day golf score in beneficial ways you haven't even imagined, without even trying!**

Q: Is GlobalView an app, do I need a smartphone and is there anything to download?

A: No, it's cloud based software and can be run on any browser on any smart device, computer, tablet or smart phone. There is nothing to download and you don't even need a smartphone or cell service to use it. All functions can be performed when connected to the internet by any smart device. If you happen to be the scorer on a card, you may require a cell data service if WIFI isn't on the course, however it's very efficient on battery use (approximately 25% / round) and uses next to no data (approximately 2mb / round).

Q: Do I need a smart phone to get full benefit from the software?

A: No, the Smart Golf Card TM works the same as a manual card so if someone in your group is the card creator/administrator (scorer), then your score is kept electronically in real time and assigned to your account for access anytime by you on any smart device. The minimum time required to receive full benefit from the software is approximately **1 minute per round** (to set round sharing, attest round or post to Golf Canada), which can be performed through any device connected to the internet, at any time. That score could be used, **if shared**, in any type of competition across the system.

Q: The **Golf Social Network** TM, what is it about, why is it necessary?

A: The Golf Social Network forms the foundation of the user, group, club member and global (GlobalView) activities. When you, or someone else creates a scorecard, they can select other players for the scorecard from either their friend, private group, club or all three lists. You never have to type in the names of players on your card, figure out their handicap or what holes their strokes fall on, it's all done automatically by the software. In addition, **when you share your score**, not only does it allow your friends to view your scorecard in real time, the network allows a user's scorecard to be used for friend, private group, club and global competitions, all at the same time. When you view your scorecard in real time, any competitions you may be registered in are listed on the card. You can unfriend or block friends in your social network at any time. The social network also provides threaded conversations between friends and group members, with optional auto-email notifications, for setting up rounds and competition scenarios between members. It also provides private messaging between friends, club members and club administrators. The younger generation golfers like to share their lives on social networks, which is only beneficial to the game of golf as a whole.

Q: How does sharing work?

A: A round is automatically created **Private** when you are placed on a scorecard by the scorecard creator, (administrator, scorer). Scorecard administration (scoring) can be passed any time between players on the card, if necessary, like when the scorer's phone battery may be dying. To share your

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round, you must log into your account, select the round as shown in the right hand window and press the **Share** button on the screen. Once shared, friends can log into their accounts and see the round in their *Friends Playing Today* window. They can select the round and view it in real time and send a private message directly to your card using GlobalView's private message tool. Sharing is over ridden for private groups you may be part of and club competitions you may be registered in. **When creating your friend network, it is wise to leave friends that you may not want to know you're playing golf out of your private groups.** Your friend, private groups and club networks are managed by you in GlobalView's custom built for golf social network, that also provides functions such as threaded conversations (posts), private messaging (between users and club administrators) and picture galleries at the user, group and club levels. Everything about your **Smart Golf Life™** is captured with your user account in the social network structure.

Q: Do I have to share my rounds with my friends?

A: No, all rounds are created with sharing as "**Private**". If you want to share a round with your friends, log into the software, select the round you want to share and press the **Share** button. Note that for Private Groups and Clubs, sharing is over ridden so the private group (Administrators) or club representatives (Club Professionals, event managers) will be able to use your round for registered Private Group or Club competitions.

Q: I have set up my friend network and created a private group and friends have joined. How can I create competitions?

A: Play golf and use the Smart Golf Card to score the round in real time. At any time, use the Friend or Group Competition Generator, to generate any of the generator's optional views for resolving any type of golf competition. You can generate the views of scores between the entire friend or group members or individually selected friend or group members. Private groups allows not only group level competitions, but also individual player competitions within the group as some group members may be in or out of a specific cash competition but in an over all group competition. Any type of golf competition can be resolved in minutes, regardless of the number of players, from the selected generated views. All competition scenarios can be generated to screen or Excel spreadsheet at run time.

Q: Does the software keep a handicap for me?

A: Yes, it keeps two handicap indices. 1) an official USGA (Golf Canada) index, as well as, maintains a Golf Canada member's Golf Canada account through API integration with the Golf Canada (golffnet.com) software and 2) a GlobalView, vAdvantage™ index, private to GlobalView members, which is slightly different than the USGA index. Either can be used for competition, it's user selected at the beginning of a round based on the friend, private group or club competition requirement.

Q: Do I have to calculate my handicap and where strokes fall on any set of tees on any course I play, anywhere in the world?

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A: No, the software is fully integrated with the USGA course database through Golfnet.com and automatically calculates how many and where strokes fall for any USGA rated course tee in the world. Pick the index you want to use at the beginning of a round (USGA or vAdvantage) and from the Smart Golf Card, you are told when you get strokes, in real time, on a hole by hole basis based on the USGA course tee ratings and your index generated handicap.

Q: Do handicaps have to be used for competitions?

A: No, the 3 competition generators (Friend, Private Group and Club), used on the fly or at the end of any competition or day, give the user the option of selecting any of the following views of the participating player scores. **Gross score, gross score less par, net score, net score less par, points on gross score, points on net score, cross course gross less par, or cross course net less par.** Players can be individually selected for individual friend competitions. For cross course competitions (players on different courses), scores are compared based on hole handicap factor instead of hole number, so hardest against hardest (1 vs 1) to easiest (18 vs 18). This means you can have competitions, **using handicaps**, with friends or private group members, even if they're playing on different courses, on any given day, for any type of competition. Imagine having a skins game among all your friends, even if they're playing on different courses anywhere in the world, that takes only seconds to resolve.

Q: Do I have to log into and post my scores to my Golf Canada account?

A: No, you don't have to log into your Golf Canada account to post scores or delete (archive) scores on your Golf Canada account. GlobalView uses the golfnet.com "NetworkId" attached to your Golf Canada account to (API) integrate your GlobalView account with your Golf Canada account. You simply enter the NetworkId in your personal profile **once**, and you're ready to go. You have the following options, (**Now, Later or Never**) for posting a score to your Golf Canada account. Scores are posted directly from your Smart Golf Card score, or, if the score wasn't captured on the Smart Golf Card, it can be posted using a gross score screen, under the Score menu item when you're not on a Smart Golf Card for the day.

Q: Does Golf Canada know about this integration?

A: Yes, Golf Canada sponsors our account with golfnet.com and it has been integrated and operational for 3 years.

Q: If I am the scorer, using my smartphone, will I be interrupted by external calls and notifications?

A: No, just turn off "Sync" and sound on your smartphone while scoring, and you won't be bothered by the outside world while on the course.

Q: What kind of competitions can my card be used in?

A: There are individual competition generators at the user, private group, club, and global (GlobalView) levels. All competition generators provide the user the option of choosing the following

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views of scores for resolving any type of golf competition. **Gross or net score, points on gross or net score, gross score less par, net score less par, cross course gross score less par, or cross course net score less par.**

Q: Could my score be used in a competition that I don't even know I'm playing in?

A: Yes, if playing at any golf course, your **shared** scorecard could be used in a private group which you are a member or a club competition specific to the course. An example might be a course decides at the end of the day to generate a skins competition based on net scores (using player handicaps) for all Smart Golf Card users that played a certain set of tees on the course that day. You may have made a birdie, on a 2 stroke hole, thus scoring an albatross. You could be the winner of a skin and win a prize awarded on that day by the course management. Could be big bucks so always play your best, how cool is that!

Q: What about emails?

A: At the start, you will receive some introductory and training emails, but you can opt out of all of them at any time.

Q: How will I know about competitions if I opt out of emails?

A: There is a **Tournaments** screen in your account that will list **only the competitions you are eligible for** and provide links which will allow you to register, if desired, usually one click (**in or out**).

Q: Is the software secure and robust?

A: Yes, both. It has not failed to record a round of golf for a user at many golf courses in North America in 3 years of operation and it's secure. GlobalView never asks for private personal or financial information on it's users and is about one thing only, making your golf game more competitive, every round. **Your private information is secure because only you have it, we don't!**

Q: How much does it cost to use the software?

A: The software is free, no ads, for a 45 day test period. After 45 days, the software will continue to be free but ads will appear unless you subscribe. Subscriptions fees, currently \$10/90 days, \$20/180 days, \$30/360 days, are published and accessible in the software.

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