

## REMEMBER THE RULES OF HANDICAPPING ARE PART OF THE RULES OF GOLF

'Rules of Handicapping' Document. [Click Here](#).

### COMPETITION REMINDERS

1. The Penalty Score system is now largely automated. If you enter a competition, **or** register on the App to complete a General Play round for handicap purposes, and you **do not** submit your card after the round, or advise the Committee of a valid reason why you didn't, (see point 3 below) you will automatically get a Penalty Score – if you wish to know more, please visit the link above.

**Please note:** You must use the same software to register and input your score. So, if you enter a club competition, you must put your score in via the Club System V1 or the 'HowDidiDo' App (which links to V1). If you register via the Golf England App (non-club competition) you must put your score in using that App.

2. 'No Returns' (NR) are not allowed for WHS purposes. If you have a zero (no score) on a hole you must complete the rest of your round to the best of your ability and submit your score. The reasons you may get a zero are, you decide to pick up (good for pace of play) or after scoring net double bogey (this is what the system will allocate for a 0). If this happens in a medal, you will NR in the competition, but your score will count for handicap purposes.

Remember because of the 95% Competition Handicap rule, you need to be aware of shots you lose. For example, someone with a Playing Handicap of 11, playing off Competition Handicap 10, for WHS purposes they still get a shot at Stroke Index 11, but not in the competition. So, take care not to pick up too early.

3. Once you enter a competition or register for a General Play handicap round, you must complete it. There are only a few valid reasons for not doing so; Injury, emergency or Committee abandoning the competition. You must advise the Committee of your reasons as soon as possible. This can be done by emailing me, telling the Pro Shop, making a note on your card etc.

Members who persistently 'walk-in' may receive Club sanctions. Don't enter if you are not fit enough to complete the round or you don't have enough time to complete the round.

4. When entering your score in the system, if you have a zero to enter you will be presented with two options:

- a) Did not Play
- b) Played But Did Not Score

The correct choice is usually 'b'. You may only select 'Did Not Play' for valid reasons as above - injury etc.

Remember bad weather (unless the Competition is called off or it is dangerous), slow play, not playing well, are not acceptable reasons and may result in Penalty Scores. England Golf have a strong view that if you enter a competition etc and have a time constraint for finishing the round, then don't enter. Likewise, if the weather forecast is not to your taste, don't enter.

5. Remember if you wish to cancel your Competition booking you need to do so by 5.00pm the day before, otherwise you will be charged. PLEASE cancel bookings as early as you can to be fair to your playing partners and to other members who may be seeking a time.

## **COMPETITION PROCESS**

1. Ensure there is enough credit on your Club Card to enter.
2. On arrival at the course, enter the competition via the machine in the Pro Shop. Remember to also enter the 2's if you wish.
3. Play golf and record your and your partner's scores on the card.
4. Complete the round, cross check scores, total up Medal score or Stableford points and sign the card you marked and your own card.
5. Enter your scores in the Clubhouse computer, or via the APP. If you use the App and sign that Electronically, PLEASE still sign the physical card and return it, as it helps the club to process the competition.
6. Drop your card into the Competition Box.

Remember it is your responsibility to ensure your score and scorecard are returned. DON'T leave it to someone else, but if you do have to, make sure you check later to ensure its been done. Take a photo of your scorecard using your phone so you have a copy.

If you would like any further information, please speak to Handicap Committee Chairperson.