

## **HANDICAPS & COMPETITIONS**

BPGC requires every member -

- to have only one national ID and one WHS handicap, administered by their chosen home club.
- who belongs to more than one affiliated club, to select which club will be the home club and inform any club of which they are a member, which will be their designated home club.
- to inform their home club if intending to change their choice of home club during the membership year.
- to abide by the requirements set out in 'Information to all Golfers', the Rules of Golf, all Local Rules or Temporary Local Rules, and competition terms and conditions.
- to be aware of the penalties that apply for the breach of any rules pertaining to the playing of the game, applicable to the course and the submission of scores for handicap purposes.

### **WHS HANDICAP**

Members new to the sport who wish to gain an official handicap index must submit hole scores from rounds of nine or eighteen holes (to a total of 54 holes) to obtain a national ID number and a Handicap Index (HCI) which may be used when playing at clubs in the UK and abroad.

Golf scores from Qualifying Competitions and General Play rounds at the club will appear on a player's record and may be used to calculate a player's Handicap Index to reflect their current playing ability.

Only members with a Handicap Index may compete in Qualifying Competitions or enter General Play scores for handicap purposes.

### **COMPETITIONS**

#### **1. Competition events calendar**

Competitions shall be held at such times and under those conditions as the Committee shall decide. The full list of competitions planned for the year may be found on Mastersscoreboard or via the link on the club website.

#### **2. Competition terms and conditions**

All competitions shall be played under the R&A Rules of Golf and Local Rules in force at the time.

In qualifying competitions, each player must have their own scorecard; the score from which cannot be applied in a separate competition. No scores from a match play event may be submitted for handicap adjustment purposes.

Entry to competitions is restricted to members of the club who hold a WHS handicap and are eligible to enter under the terms of a competition and the stroke allowances that may apply.

Members are required to sign-in for regular competitions on the day of play, using the touchscreen in the clubhouse. A sheet to advise members unsure of the process is displayed by the terminal.

For Knockout Competitions and the Men's and Ladies' Championships, members will be required to inform the handicap Secretary or add their names to the entry sheet (as applicable) by the cut-off date shown. Acceptance of late entries will be at the discretion of the Committee.

Distance measuring devices, provided they do not assist the player in any other way are permitted in all competitions.

Players taking part in a stroke play competition may not practice on the course prior to the competition that day. However, this restriction does not apply to players due to play in a Knockout Competition match.

All ties in stroke play competitions will be resolved by 'score matching' (countback) and Knockout matches decided by the playing of extra holes or by other means as stated in the terms of the competition.

Any competitor with a concern as to the correct procedure during the playing of a hole, should refer to the options available under Rule 20.1 or, if necessary, request clarification on the rules when they return to the club house.

When a competition is held on three days, it is accepted that holes and tee markers may be re-positioned to avoid excessive wear to tees and greens, and that course maintenance activities will continue as normal.

All scores from Qualifying Competitions must be entered on the club touchscreen after the round and scorecards left in the box provided. (Please note: if entering a score via the England Golf app, this should be written on the card as the score will not register on our handicap programme). Competition scores are automatically uploaded to WHS at the end of each day and handicaps adjusted for the following day. Information on correct completion of the scorecard and entering a score is displayed by the touchscreen in the club house.

Appeals against the terms of a competition, its administration or result must be made to the Committee without delay. Following a review of the circumstances, the decision of the Committee will be considered final and all parties informed of the outcome of the Committee's deliberations.

### **3. Cancellation or abandonment:**

On rare occasions it may not be possible to begin or complete a competition because of adverse/dangerous weather conditions or the course becoming unplayable. Unless otherwise determined by the committee, the following statements define the committee's default position with regard to competitions that are cancelled or abandoned for any reason.

#### **a) Single day competitions:**

(Midweek Medal/Stableford and Nine-Hole Competitions).

In the event that the competition cannot be completed, no competition result will be declared or placings used in ongoing points tables. However, completed round scores will go to WHS for handicap purposes.

#### **b) Alternate Day competitions**

(Monthly Medal and Stableford competitions held on Saturday & Sunday)

In the event an alternate-day competition cannot be completed, the competition will be declared null and void and no points awarded towards Golfer of the Year. However, scores from completed rounds will go to WHS for handicap adjustment.

**c) The Men's Championship** (36 holes over one day). If the second 18 holes cannot be completed for any reason, the result of the Championship will be decided by the standings at the end of the first 18 holes.

#### **d) Trophy Competitions held on three days:**

(Lovegrove, Atwell, Senior and Veterans trophies)

The winner of each trophy will be decided on scores submitted from a minimum of two completed days of competition, In the event that adverse weather or unplayable course conditions prevent two full days of play, the competition will be declared null and void. However, any scores from completed rounds will go to WHS for handicap adjustment.

### **4. Matchplay handicap allowances:**

#### **a) Singles matches (18 holes, single tee)**

Depending on the tees used for the match, the Course Handicap for each golfer's Handicap Index, shall be their Playing Handicap for the match.

**b) Singles matches (9 holes, single and mixed tees)**

Depending on the tee used, the F9 Course Handicap for each player's Handicap Index will become their Playing Handicap for the match, except in a match between a lady and a gentleman, when an adjustment to reflect the difference in Course Rating between yellow and red tees will also be applied.

Front 9 - Yellow CR = 33.4 & Red CR = 34.4 therefore the lady receives 1 extra stroke on their Playing Handicap, as determined by the red tee Stroke Index.

**c) Pairs matches (18 holes, single tee)**

Depending on the tee in use, 90% of the Course Handicap for each player's Handicap Index, rounded to the nearest whole number, shall be their Playing Handicap for the match.

**d) Pairs matches (18 holes, mixed tees)**

Depending on the tee used, 90% of the Course Handicap for a player's Handicap Index, rounded to the nearest whole number, will be their Playing Handicap for the match except in matches involving ladies and gentlemen, when an adjustment to reflect the difference in Course Rating between yellow and red tees will be applied.

Yellow CR = 66.8 & Red CR = 69.8 therefore ladies receive 3 extra strokes on their Playing Handicap, as determined by the red tee Stroke Index.

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