

Supplementary scores

The following is a summary of CONGU regulations (2016-18) governing the submission of Supplementary Scores.

Purpose

Supplementary Scores provide Club members with an alternative format in which to submit scores for handicap purposes. This enables those people who find it difficult to play in the necessary number of qualifying competitions to maintain their handicaps at a level that reflects their golfing ability.

The Regulations

21.1 Supplementary Scores apply to all handicap categories, although special rules apply to those people with Category 1 handicaps (see 21.4 below).

21.2 A Supplementary Score may be returned at any Affiliated Club of which the player is a Member.

21.3 An acceptable score for Supplementary Score purposes is any authenticated score (card signed by player and marker) under Competition Play Conditions (eg putting out), in either stroke-play or stableford format.

21.4 A Member is limited to a number of Supplementary Scores in each year as detailed in below:

(a) Subject to (d) below, Category 1 players may return Supplementary Scores only during the period 1 September to 31 December and only to the extent necessary to ensure that the minimum requirement for Qualifying Scores is met

(b) Up to a maximum of ten Supplementary Scores may be returned annually by players in Categories 2 to 4 [or 5 in the case of ladies]

(d) A Union (CAGU (men) or NG Ltd (ladies)) has the discretion to permit Category 1 players with handicaps in the range 2.5 to 5.4 to return up to ten Supplementary Scores in a calendar year.

21.5 Unless the Affiliated Club decides otherwise, a Member is limited to the return of one Supplementary Score per week (defined as Monday to Sunday).

21.6 A player intending to return a Supplementary Score is required to signify, in accordance with Club procedures, his intention prior to commencement of play.

21.9 The Supplementary Score must be recorded in the Player Handicap Record.

21.10 If a player who has registered for a Supplementary Score subsequently does not return a card an increase in handicap of 0.1 must be applied.

21.13 When a Member returns a Supplementary Score at an Away Club that club:

(a) Must retain the card as for cards submitted by Home players

(b) Should, if the club's ISV software so permits, enter the score into the system and return it to the Home Club via the CDH

(c) Shall assist the Home Club, if necessary, in confirming whether the player has discharged his/her responsibilities in ensuring that all Supplementary Scores from Away clubs have been returned

Note: In submitting Supplementary Scores, players need to ensure that they are not in breach of Rule 7 (Practice) of the R&A Rules of Golf.

The paragraph numbers above are correct. For the sake of simplicity, some of the more complex and detailed regulations have been left out of this document, but full information can be found at:

<http://www.congu.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2016-CONGU-Manual-Final-version.pdf>

Procedure at Elton Furze

Club members who wish to submit Supplementary Scores may do so by following these steps:

1. Sign-in at the register kept in the Pro Shop – this is your declaration of 'intent to play' (see 21.6 above)
2. Play with a Club member who will be the official marker of your card
3. Play under competition conditions – eg under the R&A's Rules of Golf including putting out
4. At the end of your round complete your card with all the necessary information required under the Rules of Golf
5. Log-in to the Club computer on the touch screen and enter your scores
6. Place your completed card in the Men's or Ladies' box as relevant

Your score will be taken into account under the current system for adjusting handicaps and this will be documented in your handicap records.

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