

ENGLAND GOLF

HANDICAPPING DIRECTIVE 2017

England Golf (EG) has issued a new directive to golf clubs requiring them to adopt a more responsive approach to the adjustment of handicaps.

This page summarises EG's directive and explains how EFGC intends to comply with it.

The Directive: Recording of Non-Qualifying Scores

Taking effect from 1 January 2017 England Golf requires golfers to submit to their handicap committees scorecards from **all** competitive rounds of golf. This includes rounds that were formally known as 'non-qualifying competitions' and rounds played away from home clubs. Cards so submitted will not directly affect players' handicaps but will be used as 'supporting evidence of performance' when it comes to handicap reviews.

Individual scores or Team results must be returned in all Singles, Am-Am and 4BBB with the exception of Texas Scrambles, Foursomes and Greensomes competitions, or casual social rounds.

In addition to this, clubs should also be aware of regular roll-ups that take place at their club, and the performance of players in the various formats of those roll ups, without the need to formally record individual scores.

Failure to return these scores by the player could result in loss or suspension of handicap under CONGU clause 24.1.

Elton Furze Golf Club's Response to the Directive

EFGC will comply with EG's directive in the following ways

1. The Handicap Committee will:
 - a. Increase the frequency of its meetings to 3 each year (end of March, June and September) to review data received from away and home scores and consider adjusting individuals' handicaps accordingly.
 - b. Arrange for organisers of club 'swindles' to provide information on any exceptional scores recorded.
 - c. Review initial handicap allocation every three months in the first year.
 - d. Send the top 5 scores from all open events to players' home clubs.

2. Club members, when playing in Open competitions at away clubs, must fill out duplicate cards and put them in the men's or ladies' box in the foyer, or take photographs of originals and send them by e-mail to the relevant Handicap Secretary:

Men's Handicap Secretary – Rob Stone: robert.stone789@btinternet.com

Ladies' Handicap Secretary – Sue Anderson: sueanderson2857@gmail.com

Elton Furze Golf Club Handicap Committee