

Reporting of Away scores

It has always been the case that players who wish to have a CONGU handicap must return scores in **Qualifying** competitions at away courses. Normally the organisers of these competitions will use their computer systems to report away scores on the players behalf. Examples of competitions that come in to this category are competitions organised by the golf union, individual competitions such as the Seniors Open played at Wragg Barn last year and Nike future Tour events. Please note that players should also report their scores in case the computer score does not get posted correctly. These scores immediately affect handicaps.

Up to this year, England Golf did not require NON-Qualifying competition scores to be notified. However, this is now a requirement and players who wish to have a handicap have a responsibility to return these scores. They will not immediately affect your handicap but will only be used as part of the Annual Handicap Review.

Examples of Non-Qualifying competitions are

- Away days of groups in the club (such as the Biz, the Swizz and SMUGS etc) where golf is played under Competition conditions.
- Pro-Ams
- Society Competitions
- Team competitions at other courses, such as Betterballs and Texas Scrambles
- Singles Open Competitions at other courses where for any reason the competition is non-qualifying

The reason behind the change is that there are a considerable number of players who are entering these types of competitions, with handicaps gained by just playing three rounds. These players are winning a disproportionate number of these events. Whilst we do not believe that we have players like this within the club, we have to do what England Golf tells us. This will help us identify players who do not play much competition golf and do not have appropriate handicaps.

For away days organised by groups within the club, please can the organisers give to the club a list of the players, and their scores, the date of the competition and the standard scratch score for the course. For those members who are uncomfortable with using a computer, forms will be available on the noticeboard by the scoring computer. Players can fill them in and post them through the committee room letterbox. The scorecard from the competition can also be posted, though it would help if the form is also filled in. A sample form is shown below.

Away Non Qualifying Competition score report

Name

Date of Competition

Course played

Format (e.g. Medal, stableford, Better Ball, Scramble)

Tees (e.g. white, yellow, red etc)

SSS of the course

Score (strokes or points)

Playing Partners (if team game)