



SUPPLEMENTARY SCORES

Please read below our current guidance for submitting supplementary scores during COVID-19 at East Sussex National.

- a) Player must contact the golf shop to signify their intent to submit a card for handicapping purposes.*
- b) At the end of the round, please return a picture of the completed score for processing to the Golf Shop as per the CONGU guidance below.*
- c) You must submit card in accordance with the Rules of Golf, including any local rules, indicating which tees were used and the name of the member verifying score.*

CONGU GUIDANCE

21. SUPPLEMENTARY SCORES

The UHS is based on the expectation that every player will return a sufficient number of scores to provide reasonable evidence of his current ability. To operate in the intended manner, the UHS requires information i.e. the return of Qualifying Scores to produce handicaps that reasonably reflect current ability.

Although golf club committees and administrators may consider that in the course of a playing season they organise an adequate number of competitions to provide ample opportunity for Members to participate, investigation has confirmed that a substantial number of Members do not return sufficient scores in the period between Annual Reviews to maintain a handicap that reasonably reflects their current ability. This may in part be due to:

- work or family commitments preventing participation in competitions;
- difficulty in obtaining an acceptable starting time on competition days in clubs with a large playing membership; or
- a declining desire to play regular competitive golf.

Supplementary Scores provide players in the above situations and the like an alternative format in which to submit scores for handicap purposes and augment the often sparse information derived from competition play. They can provide more evidence of playing ability for a wider range of players so making handicapping more equitable and golf under handicap conditions more meaningful for all concerned. This recognises that the more scores entered on to a players handicap record, the more accurate their handicap will be.

A Member may return a Supplementary Score for handicapping purposes in compliance with the conditions set out below.

21.1 Supplementary Scores apply to all Handicap Categories (subject to 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 under Competition Play Conditions in compliance with the conditions listed in this clause and played over either:

(a) an 18-hole Measured Course in either Stroke Play or Stableford format; or

(b) a Designated Nine-Hole Course in a Stableford format.

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

(a) subject to (c) below, Category 1 players may only return Supplementary Scores during The period 1 September to 31 December and only to the extent necessary to ensure that the minimum requirement for Qualifying Scores under Clause 25 is met. Category 1 players may only return Supplementary Scores over 18 holes;

(b) any number of Supplementary Scores may be returned annually by players in Categories 2 to 6;

(c) a Union has the discretion to permit Category 1 players with handicaps in the range 2.5 to 5.4 to return Supplementary Scores in a calendar year. Such scores may only be returned at the player's Home club within that Union's jurisdiction.

Scotland directs that Category 1 players within this handicap range may take up this discretion. England, Ireland, and Wales make no such direction.

(d) A Category 1 player has an additional dispensation when they commence the calendar year without a 'Competition' status. They may submit Supplementary Scores at any time of the year, but only in sufficient numbers to regain the 'c' status (i.e. a maximum of 3).

21.5 There is no limit to the number of Supplementary Scores returned in a week.

21.6 A player intending to return a Supplementary Score is required to signify his intention prior to commencement of play in the manner determined by the Affiliated Club.

21.7 A Competition Scratch Score is not calculated and adjustments to handicap, in accordance with Clause 20.6 for 18-hole scores, shall be made in respect of the Standard Scratch Score.

For nine-hole Supplementary Scores adjustments to handicaps shall be made in accordance with Clauses 22.5 to 22.9.

21.8 Stroke Play returns are subject to Stableford/Nett Double Bogey Adjustment in compliance with Clause 19.

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.

21.11 Returns may be subject to action under Clause 23 B if malpractice is suspected.

21.12 When Supplementary Scores are returned at an Away club the Member:

- (a) must register his/her intent to play in the manner directed by that club;
- (b) must return the card to the Away Club; and
- (c) must ensure that the score is returned to his/her Home Club, taking a copy or duplicate card if necessary.

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; and
- (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 5 (Practice) of the R&A Rules of Golf. A Supplementary Score may be submitted after the final round of the day of a multi-round competition.

21/1 Return of a Supplementary Score in a Non Qualifying Competition

Q. A club committee has declared a competition to be a Non-Qualifying Competition. May competitors play in the competition and concurrently return a Supplementary Score?

A. No.