

## ***Casual Cards – submitted for Handicap purposes:***

We have received a notification from England Golf that some members are not complying with the spirit of, or rules of the World Handicap System.

Under the terms of the World Handicap System, members are encouraged to submit cards for every round played under an authorised format of play in organised competitions. Organised competitions, under the WHS, now include regular informal competitions, often arranged as roll-ups. Members have a responsibility to ensure that scores from such events are returned to the Handicap Committee.

For general play cards there is a requirement that players pre-register on the day and by doing so the system automatically creates a 'Score intent' which sits alongside their record on England Golf.

If a player fails to submit the score then the 'Score intent' remains on their record. England Golf have now instructed the Handicap Committees at clubs to contact these players and establish why a score has not been returned and make a decision on what action needs to be taken.

The four possible actions open to the Handicap Committee are:

- Post the score
- Disregard the score
- Apply a penalty
- Take disciplinary action.

Whilst we accept that the WHS is new to us all and it takes time to become familiar with the new set up, the non- returning of a score following registration is not acceptable unless the member has a very good reason for not submitting the score.

Your Handicap Committee has, however taken the view that we will wipe the slate clean and disregard the scores, thereby removing the 'score intent' from the members record at this time.

Going forward however, we will be monitoring the situation and if we find that members continue to breach the rules by not submitting a score then, unless there is a very good reason for not doing so ( for example the round was not completed due to illness or injury) the Committee will apply one of the four actions, detailed above, as appropriate.

Bromsgrove Golf Club  
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Handicap Committee