

**Q.1** As a player what are my responsibilities to the CONGU® Handicapping System?

**A.1** To comply with the requirements of the CONGU® Handicapping System a player has the following obligations:

- If you are a Member of more than one golf club you must select one as your 'home' club and notify that club and the others of your decision. The 'home' club will administer your handicap. You must play from that handicap at all of the other clubs of which you are a Member and notify them of any alterations to your Playing Handicap made by your Home Club.

- Before competing in a qualifying competition you should ensure that your entry has been recorded in the competition entry list, manually or by computer if appropriate.

- You should ensure that all scorecards in Qualifying Competitions whether or not complete with a score for every hole, are returned to the organising committee and computer entries made as required.

- If you play in a qualifying competition away from your Home Club you are required to report to your Home Club, as soon as practicable, all scores recorded including 'No Returns' together with competition date, venue and Competition Scratch Score.

You should be aware that failure to report 'away' scores when so required by the System is likely to lead to suspension of handicap.

- If you return a Qualifying Score(s) below your Playing Handicap at your Home Club or away and you are unable to

- ascertain whether or not your Playing Handicap has been reduced as a result of the score(s) or

- report an away score to your Home Club

you must, before playing in another competition at your Home Club or away, for that competition make such reduction to your Playing Handicap as appropriate under the System by applying the Competition Scratch Score, if known, otherwise the Standard Scratch Score, to calculate your Net Differential and handicap reduction.

If you do not know your Exact Handicap, such reduction should be made from your Playing Handicap less 0.5 (e.g. if your Playing Handicap is 16 then the reduction should be made from 15.5) See Clause 16.11

**Q.2** I have played in a number of competitions away from home this year and have been taken to task by my Home Club for failure to report these scores to them.

It is my understanding that the club hosting the 'open' competition is responsible for returning the scores of all entrants to their respective Home Clubs. Am I correct?

**A.2** NO, you are incorrect in this assumption. The System clearly states that it is the responsibility of the player to report to his Home Club as soon as practicable all Qualifying Scores (including No Returns) returned away from his Home Club advising them of the date of the competition, venue, SSS and the CSS together with the following:

- After a stroke play qualifying competition the gross score returned and such further information as required by the Home Club.
- After a par qualifying competition the par of the course and the score versus par.
- After a Stableford qualifying competition the par of the course and the number of points scored.

**Q.3** Q. Some clubs require the player to register their intention to enter a Medal Competition ON THE DAY of the competition. Must a player follow this procedure in entering all Qualifying Competitions?

**A.3** YES, such a requirement is entirely consistent with Clause 8.6 of the UHS. Failure to comply with the requirement will mean that the score is ineligible for handicap purposes and should not be included in the CSS calculation. It is only by all players demonstrating that they have taken cards out BEFORE they play that Committees can ascertain the number who have

actually played in the competition. Then the Committee can reconcile the number of cards taken out with those returned, identify any players who have not complied with Clause 8.8, and make an accurate CSS calculation. UHS Decision 1(n) also states 'the R&A has ruled 'that a Committee must lay down a procedure for entry and if a competitor fails to enter a competition in the correct manner he does not have an acceptable score'. Accordingly such a player does not have a score, either for the competition or for handicap purposes. Clearly requiring players to register on the day of competition, before they commence play, is entirely compatible with the R&A ruling.