



Handicap certificates

If you require a handicap certificate will you please email Ian Philp (Mens) or Carol Philp (Ladies) on ian-philp@supanet.com or caphilp@supanet.com. Or contact us on 01422-202054.

Please give as much notice as possible in case we are away.

Handicap lists for all members are published monthly and are available for Men in the folder kept near the entrance door & for Ladies in their changing room. You may also see your handicap on HowDidiDo.co.uk.

The EGU & EWGA are introducing a central database of handicaps (CDH). Every player will have a life-long individual identity number which will, in time, be used instead of the certificate. Every time that you play in a qualifying competition whether at your home club or away, your score will be recorded, your handicap adjusted if appropriate and your handicap stored centrally. This will mean that if you play at another club in a qualifying competition, your score & the competition details will be sent directly to your home Club. Eventually this will eliminate the need to record away scores. But not yet.

It is still your responsibility to enter any away qualifying scores in the LGC away score books.

If you would like your CDH ID number, please ask either Ian or Carol. The Club is not permitted to publish everyone's ID.

Active/inactive handicaps

The English Golf Union and English Women Golf Association have launched a system that will identify the competitive nature of an individual. Approved and supported by CONGU the Active/Inactive handicap will identify whether an individual has competed in qualifying competitions and as a result returned information on their playing ability. Details are available in the Handicap files.

LGC Handicap lists indicate with "i" where a handicap is inactive. If your Handicap is currently inactive, you need to complete 3 qualifying cards this year for it to become active.

You may ensure that your handicap is as up to date as possible (and, where necessary, convert an inactive to active handicap) by taking part in competitions or completing a supplementary card, as follows:

- 18 hole medal & stableford competitions at LGC
- Qualifying away scores
- To make it easier for members to maintain a handicap which reflects their current playing ability, CONGU (the national handicapping association) introduced 2 additional methods to submit scores.
 - 9 hole competitions.

These competitions will be advertised and run along similar lines to the existing competitions. In some cases they will run in parallel with an existing competition (for example on a Thursday competition players will be able to choose to play either in the 18 holes competition or in the 9 hole one) in other cases they will be free-standing perhaps on a Sunday morning or a Friday afternoon.

These competitions are always Stablefords; the Stroke Index will be as for this form of competition and a CSS (Competition Standard Scratch) will not be calculated.

The computer system will process the results in the normal way & handicaps will be adjusted accordingly.
 - Supplementary scores.

To be eligible, a player must have returned 6 or fewer qualifying scores in the previous year (Categories 2, 3, 4 & 5) and can do no more than 10 this calendar year.

The format can be either Stroke Play or Stableford, your choice

Before teeing off, the player must have registered their intention to play a supplementary round in the Away/Supplementary Scores book kept next to the Handicap list opposite the Professional's Shop (Men) or, for Ladies, in their changing room.

The card must be marked & signed and placed in the Competition Box near the Competition Entry keyboard (Men) or for Ladies, in their changing room.
- There is an Annual Review of Handicaps by the Committee. The Committee does have the ability to adjust handicaps of individual players during the year where exceptional (defined by CONGU) circumstances prevail.

Should you need clarification of any of the above, please contact Ian Philp at ian-philp@supanet.com or on 01422-202054.