

COMPETITIONS & SUPPLEMENTARY SCORES (Qualifying Scores)

Competitions and supplementary scores will resume from the 1st July 2020.

Fixtures:

The Greens Committee have reviewed the men's fixtures for the remainder of the year and the club website will be updated with the revised fixtures for competitions to resume from Wednesday, 1st July 2020. This will now replace the published 2020 club diary.

Men's Competitions:

Honours board qualifying competitions not played during the period of lockdown, with the exception of the Playing Fields Cup, have been rescheduled. The lover and salvers will be completed over 4 rounds, best 3 scores to count. Summer knockout competitions will not be played. The Tonkin Trophy (winter fourball) will be completed and dates will be notified to the remaining pairings.

Veterans' Competitions:

The published competitions will continue as planned with an additional date added for the Bertie Farmer competition to be completed over 4 rounds, best 2 scores to count. Both summer knockout competitions will be played – summer singles, summer pairs. (A separate communication has been sent to the section).

Ladies' Competitions:

The published competitions will continue as planned with any changes noted on the website diary.

LOCAL RULES

To enable qualifying scores to be played the following 'Local Rules' have been adopted in accordance with direction from R&A, England Golf, Kent Golf Union and CONGU:

The following is provided by Kent Golf Union:

Preferred Lies in Bunkers:

When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 6 inches from the reference point, but with these limits:
- [Limits on Location of Relief Area] Must be in the same bunker as the reference point

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e. The surface of the bunker may not be smoothed before placing a ball under this local rule. Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a."

Holes and Holing Out:

Notwithstanding that the hole has been modified such that players may remove a ball without touching the flagstick, a ball shall be deemed to be holed if any part of the ball is below the surface of the putting green, even if not lodged against the flagstick.

Scoring in Stroke Play (Rule 3.3b)

In view of concerns around handling and exchanging scorecards the following adjustment, on a temporary basis, is permitted under the Rules of Golf by the R&A for recording and submission of scores in stroke play that do not strictly comply with Rule 3.3b, or do not comply with the normal methods used under Rule 3.3b

COMPETITION ENTRY

Tee times will be reserved in the current manner, 12 days in advance. It is not obligatory to enter the competition as casual golf is permitted on these days.

- On the day of the competition, and prior to commencing your round, you will be required to sign in to the competition on the HowDidiDo (HDID) platform. [Please note the PSI touch screens are currently not in use] Click on 'Today's Golf' which will display a 'Sign In' option to enter the competition with an additional option, if applicable, to enter the pro's 2's club before confirming your entry. The entry fee and 2's club charge will be debited to your member account – please ensure that you have sufficient funds to cover the entry fee(s). You can top-up your account via the ClubV1 app.
- If you do not have a smart phone to be able to enter on the HDID platform please confirm with the pro shop prior to commencing your round that you are entering the competition and you will be signed in manually.
- **Format of the Day** – The club rule of 3 ball play on competition days to 11am has been temporarily suspended to allow as many members the opportunity to play. This will be reviewed further by the Greens Committee once competitions have resumed to ensure an acceptable pace of play is maintained.
- **Guests** – On weekend competition days guest will be permitted after 2pm.

Completion of Scorecards & Submission of Scores:

On completion of your competition round we would prefer that you enter your score on the HDID platform by selecting 'Today's Golf' and 'Score Entry'; this will minimise the handling of score cards and reduce the potential for transmission of COVID-19. Prior to submitting your electronic score your marker/playing partner must visually verify your entry. We appreciate that this technology may seem daunting to some members and therefore you may, during the initial period of July, submit your completed card as follows.

With the exception of Competition Scores, unless you do not have access to HDID, rounds completed for allocation of handicap or supplementary scores are to be submitted on a scorecard. In these instances the scorecard is to be marked by the player, signed by the player and verbally verified by the scorer (no need to sign) when depositing the card in the box with the marshal at the lounge terrace doors. For those finishing their round after the marshals have left for the day, or the clubhouse is closed, your card should be posted through the front door letter box.

- **No Returns** – all qualifying scores must be returned/submitted and failure to do so may result in suspension of your handicap for persistent offences. Scores omitted on a hole/multiple holes are able to be converted to stableford/nett double bogey [adjustment] to enable your score to be accepted even though the round score is a 'No Return'.

HANDICAP ALLOCATION & SUPPLEMENTARY SCORES

- **Allocation of Handicap** – members looking for their initial handicap must submit cards covering a minimum of 54 holes; these may be submitted over 9 or 18 holes. You may complete these with immediate effect. If you have previously held a handicap please inform the office of your CDH [Central Database of Handicaps] number so that your record and previous handicap may be verified. Please refer to supplementary scores below for the correct tee to play from.
- **Supplementary Scores** – you must notify the marshal on arrival at the club of your intention to complete a supplementary score for your score to be accepted; this will be noted on the tee sheet for administration purposes. You may complete these with immediate effect. **White or Yellow Tee** - On men's competition days (not veterans' section) men will use the white (back) tee markers and on non-competition days men will use the yellow stone marker (denoted by the concrete stone on the tee edge). Ladies will use the red tee markers.

These are changing times and it is hoped that where possible members will use the technology available to them ensuring that reported scores are verified, competitions closed and handicaps updated in a timely manner.

CONGU (The Council of National Golf Unions):

Please refer to the club's website for further information on qualifying scores and the player's quick guide to the CONGU handicapping system. Over the coming weeks/months there will also be information on the new World Handicapping System (WHS) which commences on 2nd November 2020.