



Penalty Scores

The concept of Penalty Scores was introduced as part of the new World Handicap System (WHS). In November 2021 England Golf, who controlled and operated the mechanism decided to automate it. Penalty Scores are applied when a player has registered to play a General Play round but either fails to submit a score or submits a score that fails the verification process. When this happens, and in order to close the scoring record, England Golf generates a Penalty Score based on Course Rating + the player's Course Handicap. Perhaps it may have been better to have called it a substitute score.

The Penalty Score calculation is meant to leave the player with no impact on his/her handicap; however this is not always the case. Players can of course appeal to the Club Handicap Secretary if they feel that the Penalty Score was unjustified.

If a player signs into a Competition / General Play round and subsequently terminates the round the score card must be noted with the reason why. The card must be placed in the appropriate competition box, RED for the Kings, Blue for the Jubilee and the Kings Ladies Brown Box. Do not put these cards in the White General Play Box. This will enable the appropriate Handicap Secretaries to review the reasons and take the necessary action.

Follow this link to show more information about Penalty Scores [England Golf Penalty Scores](#)

General Course Issues

Scores can be returned for competitions or General Play when Winter Rules (Preferred Lies) and when appropriate Local Rules are in place, i.e. "Pick, wipe and place within 6 inches in closely mown areas", and "Pick, wipe and replace on the spot where the ball was lifted" from elsewhere on the course.

Winter Rules (Preferred lies) differentiate between "closely mown areas" and the rest of the course. So even if you are off what is normally regarded as the fairway you may still get the slightly better relief option provided that the area that you are in is "cut to fairway height or less".

It is acceptable to run a Qualifying competition when all bunkers are designed "No Play Areas". The 50% policy must be in pay rule was changed some time ago.

Specific Course Issues

These issues all revolve around the 13th hole on the Kings course.

- No, you cannot retake your tee shot if it hits the fence at the dog-leg and goes out of bounds. The fence is a permanent feature of the course and the principle is no different if you were to hit a tree and go OB.
- No, you cannot get line of sight relief from the fence. Again it is a permanent feature of the course and as such no line of sight relief option is available. You can of course get relief if your swing or stance is impeded by the fence. Normally there will be a drop zone marked where relief can be taken from.

Submission of Competition and General Play Cards

You must register to enter a Club competition or for General Play either via the touch screen in the bar area or via HowDidIdo before you commence your round. Your score MUST be entered via the same route as you used when registering to play.

If you use the Howdidido option then you must indicate the name of your marker, and he/she must also register and enter their score via Howdidido.

If you use the Howdidido option for General Play cards you do not have to leave the physical card in the General Play card box. If you use the touch screen of a General Play round you must leave your scorecard in the box.

Men's Competitions on the Kings Course

Midweek medal days have been reduced from Monday to Friday to Monday + Wednesday. The decision to reduce the number of days was taken because of a) a lack of support for some days, and b) practical difficulties in ensuring that course conditions remain the same through the week.

Men's Section Finances

We have recently reverted back to pre-Covid entry fee levels while at the same time significantly increasing the value of prizes. This policy was undertaken against a backdrop of falling participant levels across all competitions, and it was felt that increasing prize levels beyond the entry fee increase would help to make competitions more attractive to enter.

The diagram show where the money collected from competitions goes.



Communications

Over the past few months we have strived to improve our communications to members. Our direction of travel is to use the Club V1 Members Hub as our principal means of communicating to members. To-date we have seen a pretty good take up for the Hub, we now have more than half of our members using it. We want to see this percentage increase and would urge any member who has not yet registered to do so.

Information on how to download and register for the Club V1 Members Hub can be found on the Members Website under FAQ option on the menu. If any member is having difficulties with registering then contact us on the following email account and we will endeavour to sort it out. 3riversmembers@gmail.com