



Acceptable Score Submissions for Handicap Purposes

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Golfers with a Handicap Index® who wish to submit further competition and/or general play scores for handicap purposes must ensure they comply with Rule 2 of the WHS™ Rules of Handicapping.

In summary, golfers are required to:

- Declare their intent to submit a score via the England Golf app, or via the relevant process defined at the club where the round will be played.
- Be in the company of at least one other person, who can act as a marker (subject to satisfying other Rules of Golf requirements).
- Always follow the Rules of Golf.
- Play over a tee set with a current Course Rating™ and Slope Rating™, where length and normal playing difficulty is maintained and consistent.
- Scores must be pre-registered on the day of play prior to the round, by the means established by the Handicap Committee.
- In an authorised format of play (*individual formats only*) over a minimum number of holes. The table below clarifies the acceptable formats of play.



Format of Play	Type of Round	Number of Holes	
Individual stroke play	Organised competition	9	18
	<i>General play</i>	9	18
	Stableford – organised competition	9	18
	Stableford – <i>general play</i>	9	18
	Par/Bogey – organised competition	9	18
	Par/Bogey – <i>general play</i>	9	18
	Maximum Score – organised competition	9	18
	Maximum Score – <i>general play</i>	9	18

- A Committee may accept a score which was not pre-registered if all the above criteria are met. A score from an unauthorised format will not be acceptable under any circumstance.
- Players should be reminded that an electronic return of a score has the same status as a physical scorecard; and the score must be attested by the marker who witnessed the round as soon as possible after play.
- Any player who uses acceptable scores for the purpose of manipulating their handicap index will be subject to disciplinary action by the club.
- Scores from team events (best 2 of 4 or best 3 of 3 for example) are not acceptable for handicap purposes. In addition, players may not choose to submit a general play score whilst playing in a team event.