Dear Member,

We are just a few days away from the first qualifying competition since lockdown has been in place, the Tutt Cup on Saturday. We have had to temporarily modify the entry and score recording process slightly to take account of the conditions we are currently living under. We are also fortunate that Club V1, our competitions computer system, have enhanced the HowDidiDo app to enable competition score recording on our mobile phones. We won't be able to use the full functionality of this straight away but hopefully we will over the coming weeks.

As we have previously stated we are not currently reserving competition only tee times on BRS so that we are fair to anybody who wants to play on that day whether in the competition or not. This will remain the case until further notice.

Signing in for the Competition.

If you wish to play in the competition you must 'sign in' and pay the entry fee **before** you tee off. The sign in sheet is in the Pro Shop and payment is **cash only** and should be the exact amount, (£2.50). We are unable to process credit/debit card transactions for competitions at the moment so Chris and Sally will collect cash only. If you wish to, we can create a competition account which will sit on your club card account and every competition you enter we will deduct the entry fee from that account. If you want to do this a minimum of £10 must be paid (in cash) as the initial set up deposit.

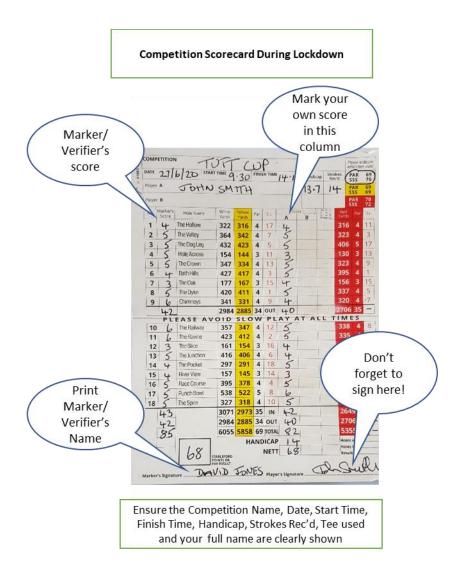
If you are teeing off before the pro shop opens, you must sign the sheet hanging outside the entrance to the shop and pay your fee as soon as you have finished your round.

Failure to follow any of these conditions may result in disqualification from the competition but your score still processed for handicap purposes.

During the Round – How to fill in the Scorecard

It will not be best practice whilst social distancing practices remain in place if we continue to mark, swap and sign each other's scorecards. Therefore, the new arrangements will temporarily allow for each player to mark their own card as long as a named marker (or score verifier) also has their score and their name printed on the card. (i.e. they do not need to sign it.) If there are issues with a player's score, we may need to contact the 'verifier' to clarify the detail so please make sure their name is printed clearly. Please note that in trophy competitions the marker/verifier must also be playing in the competition.

It is also very important that your name, handicap and start and finish times are recorded on the card. Please see the example below of how the card should be filled in. Again, failure to complete the scorecard correctly may result in disqualification from the competition but your score still processed for handicap purposes.



After your Round - Recording your Score

When you have finished your round, the process remains pretty much the same as normal. The PSI screen in the lobby will be available to record your score and your signed cards should be placed in the box adjacent to the screen. We recommend that you wash your hands thoroughly before and/or after using the screen. There will also be hygienic wipes and hand gel available and you can use your pencil as a stylus for the screen as well.

An alternative way of recording your score is via the HowDidIDo app. Many members have already downloaded the app and we now have facility to enter our competition scores via the app and therefore not needing to use the screen in the clubhouse. It is hoped that over coming weeks we will also be able to use this app for signing in and paying your entry fees (from your club card account) as well as recording scores.

It is fairly intuitive to use: - Open and log in to the app. Open the main menu (3 lines icon at the top right of the screen) and select the "Today's Golf" item. This then gives 3 options – select "Score Entry" and

then select the competition and enter your scores. It really is that easy! (Note: you can follow the same process if you log in to the HowDidIDo website)

If you do use this app to record your score please do not forget that you **must still place your card in the box** in the lobby.

Final Points

Remember we have introduced the new Local Rule that allows for preferred lies in bunkers, within 6 inches no nearer the hole. You must not smooth the sand before taking the preferred lie.

Flag sticks need to remain in the holes at all times and no gimmies should be given for putts that 'bounce out' whilst putting.

Preferred lies also remain on the fairways and other general areas cut to fairway height or less. Currently the Suffolk Golf Union have only given permission for this local rule to remain in place until the end of June 2020. We are asking them for agreement for this to continue beyond that date and we will keep you informed of the outcome.

If you need further clarity on any of these issues please ask in the pro shop or contact Peter Revell, Handicap & Competitions Secretary. Email: <u>p5rev@aol.com</u>

Finally, the revised Men's competition calendar will be posted on the website in the next couple of days.

Many thanks

The Men's Committee