

## HUNTSWOOD GOLF CLUB

### NO-RETURN OF SCORE OR SCORE CARD POLICY

Following guidance from England Golf, this policy has been adopted by the Officers of Huntswood Golf Club to manage the situation when players do not return a score after registering a Score intent or fail to return a score or score card following entry into a club competition.

There are various circumstances that may result in a round not being completed and some holes not being played. For example: fading light or bad weather, player injury or illness, lost ball, a hole being declared out of play by the Committee.

A player may declare one or more holes to be N/R but still return the score submitting a 0 for any holes not played.

#### NO SCORE OR SCORE CARD RETURNED FROM A CLUB COMPETITION

Where a player has entered a club competition and plays at least one hole but does not submit a score or return a score card without valid reason, the Officers will make reasonable efforts to find the score or, if not immediately available, attempt to identify the score of the player by other means (eg the marker score on another score card) and proceed as follows:

##### 1<sup>st</sup> No-Return

The player concerned will be contacted by telephone or e-mail and reminded of their responsibility under WHS Rules of Handicapping to ensure that all acceptable scores are submitted for handicap purposes and asked the reason they did not return a score or score card.

- Where the score or score card can be returned, the score will be submitted and no further action will be taken at this time
- Where the score or score card cannot be found, a Penalty Score equal to their Current Handicap Index will be submitted to the WHS platform

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> No-Return

The player concerned will be contacted and asked the reason they did not return a score or score card. If the score or score card cannot be found, the Officers should determine what, in their view, is the reason for the non-return.

Penalty Score will be applied as follows:

REASON	PENALTY SCORE
Non-valid reason (eg memory or not realising a score had to be returned in such situations as serious injury preventing play, failing light, dangerous weather etc)	A score equivalent to current Handicap Index should be submitted to the WHS Platform (ie an Adjusted Gross Score which would be equivalent to the Course Rating + Course Handicap).
Possible attempt to keep handicap low/ frustration with game/ embarrassment	A score equivalent to the Adjusted Gross Score of the highest return in the last 20 scores should be submitted to the WHS platform
Possible attempt to build a handicap	A score equivalent to the Adjusted Gross Score of the lowest return in the last 20 scores should be submitted to the WHS platform

Additionally, the player will be ineligible for a specified number of competitions as advised by the Officer following due consideration.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> and Subsequent No-Return**

Appropriate club disciplinary procedure

The Officers will convene to address and agree appropriate action including an increased penalty score and/or either to suspend or freeze the player's Handicap Index. The player will be asked to provide a written response and be offered the opportunity of attending the meeting.

### **NO SCORE RETURNED AFTER REGISTERING A SCORE INTENT**

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