

Casual Rounds, Social and General Play Scores

The World Handicap System now allows golfers to register scores for handicapping purposes during a general play round. Acceptable scores include those played with friends, colleagues and in societies.

It is **not compulsory**, if you just want a social round with a couple of friends, having “gimmies” and so forth, that is fine. If only 1 or 2 of the group wants to put in a score, that is fine also, but the scores submitted must be played:-

- In an authorized format of play;
- Over a minimum number of holes;
- By the Rules of Golf;
- In the company of at least one other person or player;
- On a course with a current Course Rating and Slope Rating.

Whether or not to put in a score is your choice, but please, remember your “Player Responsibilities” laid down by WHS. In particular No. 1 (vii)

“Submit acceptable scores to provide reasonable evidence of their demonstrated ability.”

The more scores you submit the more accurately your Handicap Index represents your true ability. If you only have a few scores in your record, you should be submitting more social scores. (*“Act with integrity”*). 20 scores are considered a full handicap record.

How do I submit a social score? whether at home or visiting another club

Just remember to check with the golf shop beforehand which tees are available for you to submit an acceptable score, then sign in (pre-register).

1. Pre-register the round with the host club.

This can be done:-

- a) via the club’s own computer software (touchscreen when available) or if playing at home, on your HowdidIdo App.- Go to “today’s golf”, then sign in, then casual round. You must select qualifying to put in an acceptable score.
- b) by simply telling the Pro/Club Manager of an intention to submit a score
- c) You can now submit social scores directly via the **My England Golf App**.

This is, in my opinion, the absolute best way of submitting a General Play/Casual Round score. It can be used on any course, playing at home or away.

2. Play and enjoy the round in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
3. Enter the score using the using the same system you signed in with:-
 - a) via the club’s own computer software (touchscreen when available) or if playing at home, on your HowdidIdo App
 - b) ask the host club to enter the score on your behalf either onto the WHS platform or their club software.

If the host club at an 'away' venue cannot enter the score, the player should return the card to their home club as soon as possible for them to enter into the WHS Platform.

You will note from the above that, there could be problems if using club software or host club staff and you are playing a round after work and everyone's gone home when you finish. No such problems with My EG app.

c) You can now submit social scores directly via the **My England Golf App**. Your marker must also have an ID number (old CDH number). Your hole-by-hole scores will be emailed to your marker, who will verify your score before it can be accepted.

If you do sign in and then not start or finish the round, you must have a good reason for that. You must tell your committee the reason and they will decide whether it merits a penalty score or not – remember another of your "Player Responsibilities" No.1(v) reads :-

"Attempt to make the best score possible at each hole."

During lockdown (when there was no golf possible) thousands of people, obviously playing with the MYEG app to see how to use it and probably with a glass of something nearby, signed in for a general play round. These have to be investigated by the club and removed. If you do inadvertently sign up, then please contact your committee as soon as possible to explain and avoid penalties.

Members can enter social scores directly via the app by touching the 'Enter Score' function at the foot of the dashboard screen, then create, then select course, then marker, select which course and whether 18 holes or 9 holes, then save to sign in.

Please note, when using the MyEG app to submit a social score the following details will be active in order to protect the integrity of the handicap system:

- Geo-location technology will ensure pre-registering the intent to post a score can only be done in close proximity to the course where the round will take place.
- A time lag will be in operation from the point where intent to play a round is registered to the stage when a score can be accepted.
- A golfer's final score must be verified by a playing partner who has witnessed the round and who holds a World Handicap System handicap index.

GPS will check that you are at that course when signing in and submitting a score so you must be within a short distance of the club, don't delay submitting your score until you get home.

Submitting 9-hole scores

To add a social 9-hole score to your record you will need to pre-register the intention to post a 9-hole round before teeing off. If you set off for 18 holes but fail to finish you must play at least 10 holes for that score to count towards handicapping.

Once you've finished a pre-declared 9-hole round the club can accept the card and input the scores for you, or if registered electronically, it should anticipate your entry of a 9-hole score.

If you haven't already activated your membership with England Golf – do it now, Press control and click on the link below.

<https://members.whsplatform.Englandgolf.org/signup>

To learn more about the app press control and click on this link. **My England Golf App.**