



# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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### GENERAL PLAY ROUNDS (Conforming Social Scores) at the RMGC - PROCEDURE

The World Handicap System enables players to post general play round scores that count towards their handicap index. To maintain integrity, the MGA and the RMGC require members to adhere to the following procedure. Please take note of all the points especially those highlighted in red.

#### Section 1 - For Players with a WHS Handicap Index

- We suggest that members who play regularly in qualifying competitions do not need to put in additional general play cards as their history is sufficient to reflect their golfing ability.
- There should be no need and we do not expect to see a member who plays regularly in qualifying competitions to return multiple general play cards within a short period of time (e.g., 2-3 cards in the same week). These returns will be monitored especially if submitted before an important competition.
- We do not encourage the submission of general play cards from casual rounds where there is no element of competitive golf (e.g., if the player does not play within the Rules of Golf and attempting to make the best possible score at each hole).
- We do invite submission of cards where the rounds are of a competitive nature e.g., society golf where there is a reward linked to the best score even as trivial as that reward could be.
- Members who have not been playing regularly, due to illness e.g., are encouraged to return general play cards so that their handicap can start to reflect, as soon as possible, their current playing ability after the absence.

1. A tee time must be booked **in advance before the round is played.**

2. There is no need to obtain a stamped score card from the RMGC reception, but **the player must sign in to a 'General Play Round'** via 'Today's Golf' using the PSI terminal or ClubV1 app. Ensure the correct and permissible course card is selected (i.e., white/yellow/ orange/blue and 9 or 18 holes) and this is done **before teeing off** at your booked time. **Handicap Secretaries will delete any scores that have not followed this pre-registration requirement.** Once signed in, your intention to submit a conforming social score is recognized and a score needs to be returned on completion of the round. Failure to return scores once intention is registered will lead to a warning in the first instance. Repeated offences may lead to corrective actions (Rule 7.1b Penalty Scores)

3. Scores **must** be inputted using the PSI terminal in the Clubhouse or the ClubV1 app and the physical card including the marker's signature **must** be deposited in the box that is available at the RMGC reception. **NB: Any submission via the printed score cards without the scores inputted either in the PSI terminal or the CLUBVI app will not be processed.**

4. As per R&A Rules of Golf, the player's score must be certified by a marker. The marker can be another player and should have a reasonable understanding of the game of golf.

5. Rounds can be 9 or 18 holes played at the RMGC either in individual Medal, Stableford, Par/Bogey or Maximum Score format. When playing an 18-hole round a minimum of 10 holes must be completed to count towards your Handicap Index. A valid reason (e.g. course closure, illness or injury) is required if the round is not completed.



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6. The player's gross scores must be inputted via PSI terminal or ClubV1 app at the end of the round and, in any case, not later than the player leaves the Club. The paper score cards must be returned to a dedicated box at the RMGC reception.

7. The submitted score will be processed by the system and your Handicap Index updated overnight. All details submitted will be subject to checks and reconciliations. Scores that are incorrect, incomplete or where the procedure has not been followed could be removed retrospectively from player's scoring record.

8. Members are reminded that it is the player's responsibility:

- to play within the rules of golf;
- to attempt to make the best score possible at each hole;
- to act with integrity by following the Rules of Handicapping and to refrain from using, or circumventing, the Rules of Handicapping for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage.

Failure to comply could result in an investigation which may ultimately lead to corrective actions (e.g. penalty score, temporary withdrawal of handicap index).

Please remember to check for a handicap index change before playing your next competition. The course/playing handicap on the start sheet could easily be outdated if you played a General Play Round shortly before.

**The Handicap's Committee reserves the right to delete a general play score from the member's history at any time if there is reason to doubt that the card was not submitted according to the Rules of Golf, the Rules of Handicapping and the above procedure.**

### **GENERAL PLAY ROUNDS (Conforming Social Scores) outside the RMGC**

Although we do not encourage the submission of general play rounds from casual rounds even, if not especially, from those played abroad, the Rules of Handicapping makes it possible for members to return Conforming Social Scores from such rounds played outside their Home Club. Most of the above procedure needs to be followed with the following explanations:

- The player must inform us by email prior to playing the round of the intention to submit a conforming social score.
- The format of play must be according to point 5 above.
- At the end of the round, the player must forward an image of the score card which needs to include the player's name and signature, the marker's name and signature, the name of the course played as well as the course, slope and par rating of the course.



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### Section 2 - For Players without a WHS Handicap Index

1. A tee time must be booked with your designated marker who can verify your score (same further requirements apply as stated in item 1 above).
2. **Collect a stamped scorecard from reception.** Thereby your intention to submit a score is recognized and a completed scorecard needs to be returned. Please mark 'GENERAL PLAY ROUND' as the competition name.
3. Please make sure to play exactly 9 or exactly 18 holes. Other numbers of holes cannot be processed.
4. On completion of the round please complete and sign your scorecard. Please ensure that play date, names of player and marker are easily legible and that in the right bottom corner of the scorecard the course played (i.e., white/yellow/orange/blue) has been ticked. Then return it to reception (if reception is closed, place it in the competition box). This must be done as soon as possible after completing the round and before leaving the club.
5. The submitted score card will be processed manually by the Handicap Secretary as soon as feasible.
6. Players who are unable to find a marker are urged to contact the competitions or handicap secretary.