



## MALTA GOLF ASSOCIATION INFORMATION BULLETIN



### SUPPLEMENTARY SCORES

#### Introduction

Golf governing bodies have combined their efforts so that revisions in the Rules of Golf as determined by the R&A Rules Limited and the United States Golf Association coincide with the revisions in the Unified Handicapping System (UHS) as determined by the Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU) and/or the European Golf Association. These revisions happen every four years and the current editions of the Rules and the Handicapping System cover the four year period starting 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

The handicapping system being used in Malta is according to CONGU® and with this bulletin we wish to bring to you an explanation of Supplementary Scores as determined by CONGU®.

A *Supplementary Score* is a score (of a round played other than a Qualifying Competition) which a member of a Club returns for handicapping purposes at his Home Club. In some countries/clubs this is also known as an *Extra Day Score*. For this Supplementary Score return to be accepted for consideration by the Home Club's Handicapping Committee, this must be done in compliance with the requirements of Clause 21 of the CONGU® UHS.

The use of Supplementary Scores is extended to all Categories and is independent of the number of qualifying competitions that a member plays at his Home Club but there is a restriction of a maximum of 10 such returns in a year.

#### Supplementary Scores according to Clause 21 of CONGU® UHS

*The UHS is based on the expectation that every player will return a sufficient number of scores to provide reasonable evidence of his current ability. To operate in the intended manner, the UHS requires information i.e. the return of Qualifying Scores to produce handicaps that reasonably reflect current ability.*

*Although golf club Committees and administrators may consider that in the course of a playing season they organize an adequate number of competitions to provide ample opportunity for Members to participate, investigation has confirmed that a substantial number of Members do not return sufficient scores in the period between Annual Reviews to maintain a handicap that reasonably reflects their current ability. This may in part be due to:*



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- *Work or family commitments preventing participation in competitions*
- *Difficulty in obtaining an acceptable starting time on competition days in clubs with a large playing membership.*
- *A declining desire to play regular competitive golf.*

*Supplementary Scores provide players in the above situations and the like an alternative format in which to submit scores for handicap purposes and augment the often sparse information derived from competition play. They can provide more evidence of playing ability for a wider range of players so making handicapping more equitable and golf under handicap conditions more meaningful for all concerned.*

*A Member may return a Supplementary Score for handicapping purposes in compliance with the following conditions:*

- *Shall apply to all Handicap Categories.*
- *A Supplementary Score may only be returned at the Home Club of the player.*
- *An acceptable score for Supplementary Score purposes is any authenticated score over 18 holes under Competition Play Conditions over a Measured Course in compliance with the conditions listed in this clause. The format may be Stroke Play or Stableford.*
- *Up to a maximum of ten Supplementary Scores may be returned annually.*
- *Unless the Affiliated Club decides otherwise, a Member is limited to the return of one Supplementary Score per week.*
- *A player intending to return a Supplementary Score is required to signify his intention prior to commencement of play in the manner determined by the Affiliated Club.*
- *A Competition Scratch Score is not calculated and adjustments to handicap, in accordance with Clause 20.6 of the UHS, shall be made in respect of the Standard Scratch Score.*
- *Stroke Play returns are subject to Stableford/Nett Double Bogey Adjustment in compliance with Clause 9 of the UHS.*
- *The Supplementary Score must be recorded in the Player Handicap Record.*



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- *If a player who has registered for a Supplementary Score subsequently does not return a card an increase in handicap of 0.1 must be applied.*
- *Returns may be subject to action under Clause 23 (B) of the UHS if 'manipulation' is suspected.*

**Note:** *In submitting Supplementary Scores, players need to ensure that they are not in breach of Rule 7-1 of the R& Rules of Golf (Practice). A Club Committee may apply the Note to Rule 7-1 and allow a Supplementary Score to be returned following practice on the competition course.*

### ***Return of a Supplementary Score in a Non Qualifying Competition***

**Q.** *A club Committee has declared a competition to be a Non Qualifying Competition. May competitors play in the competition and concurrently return a Supplementary Score?*

**A.** *No.*

### **CONCLUSION: DO**

- Return a Supplementary Score only at your Home Club over 18 holes on a complete course – similar to competition conditions.
- Register your intention of returning a Supplementary Score **in advance of play** either by signing the Supplementary Score register book or through any other means as determined by the Home Club.
- Make sure, at the end of your round, that you and your marker have signed the scorecard.
- Make sure that you get the scorecard returned to the office before you leave the Club.

### **CONCLUSION: DO NOT**

- Go out to play without registering your intention and then expect the Home Club to accept a returned score as a Supplementary Score.
- Do not leave the Club without returning the scorecard even if you had a bad round. A non returned card will nonetheless mean an increase of 0.1 to your handicap.
- Do not manipulate your scoring – no putts should be given for example.