



# BRIDGE OF ALLAN GOLF CLUB

## Handicap Information

### New Members

If you are a beginner and have never had a handicap then:

### Getting your first handicap

To get your first handicap you need to submit three cards and the gross score for each hole must be recorded. You should put **your name** and the **date** on the top of the card and title the card **FOR HANDICAP**. The card must be **marked by a Member of Bridge of Allan GC with a handicap or a Marker authorised by the Match Secretary or member of the Match Sub Committee**. After completing the round the card must be signed by you and the marker and placed **immediately** in the Medal Box on the wall of the Committee Room.

Do not wait until you have 3 cards to submit them.

For handicapping purposes each gross score is adjusted to a maximum of 2 (3 for ladies) over par. After 3 cards have been submitted then a handicap is automatically awarded based on the best score recorded up to a maximum CONGU handicap 28 (36 for ladies).

### New Members who have previously had a Handicap

#### Joining/transferring from another club

It is very important that you make sure that you have informed your other club that you are leaving. Ask them to set you as an 'AWAY' player before removing you from their membership list. The following information is needed to register you as a member at Bridge of Allan Golf Club and maintain your handicap record.

- Your current handicap certificate
- Your CDH (Central Database of Handicaps) ID number - should be on your certificate
- The name of your previous club

#### Joining Bridge of Allan in addition to being a member of another club

You need to inform your other club and us which is to be your HOME club where your handicap record will be maintained.

- If **Bridge of Allan** is to be your **HOME** club then you need to ask your other club to set you as an **AWAY** player
- If **Bridge of Allan** is to be your **AWAY** club then we need to know which is your **HOME** club and your **CDH** (Central Database of Handicaps) **ID number**.
- You should always check with your HOME club that they have received the results of any qualifying competitions that you have entered at other clubs.

## Maintaining your handicap

To maintain a **competition** (c) handicap you must submit 3 cards during the calendar year. These must be cards from **qualifying competitions** at home or other clubs or **supplementary cards** at your **HOME** Club.

Any individual medal or Stableford competition should be qualifying. See Mens, Ladies, Seniors sections within the Fixture List for more details about competitions.

## Away Scores

If you play in **qualifying** competitions at other clubs then it is **your responsibility** to make sure that we are aware of them. Sometimes the details are sent through automatically by post, by CLUB 2000 handicapping system or from the CDH (Central Database of Handicaps), but as with any computerised system, it isn't 100% reliable.

Away Scores should be entered in the Away Scores Book and the Signed Scorecard placed in the Medal Box on the wall of the Committee Room. We also need to know the Par, SSS, CSS and your score.

The Match Secretary will verify all Away Scores submitted by Members that are not transmitted to Bridge of Allan GC via the CDH System or issued direct by Away Clubs.

## Supplementary Scores

Clause 21 of the CONGU® UHS allows eligible members of affiliated golf clubs to return Supplementary Scores for handicapping purposes. A Supplementary Score is a score in compliance with Clause 21 of the UHS, returned for handicapping purposes, other than in a Qualifying Competition. The objectives and conditions under which Supplementary Scores can be submitted are as follows:

### Objectives

To provide additional opportunities for members to return qualifying scores to maintain a handicap that reasonably reflects their current ability, who:

- Cannot regularly participate in Club competitions due to work or family commitments
- Cannot obtain, on a regular basis, an acceptable starting time on competition days in clubs with a large playing membership
- Have a declining desire to play regular competitive golf

Players can only submit Supplementary Scores at their Designated "HOME" Club and if they are in Categories 2, 3, 4 or [5] [ladies]. Category 1 players can submit up to three Supplementary scores between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept and 31<sup>st</sup> Dec for retaining handicap purposes.

Players can submit up to 10 Supplementary Scores in each year (with a maximum of one per week) and **MUST** signify their intention to do so **BEFORE** they go out to play. This is done by "signing in" for a Supplementary Score via the touch screen in "Jock's Bar". The player then **MUST** return their score by entering it via the touch screen and placing their scorecard in the Medal box. Play **MUST** be over a "Measured Course", which will be from either White or Yellow Tees for men and Red Tees for ladies, and may be in Stroke Play or Stableford format. **Full guidance is posted on the Noticeboard and Club Website.**

# **Competition Entry and Scores Return**

Both CONGU competition qualifying rules and those drawn up by your General Committee will apply to all competitions, unless otherwise stated.

In order to play in handicap qualifying competitions, each player **MUST** have a current CONGU Competition Handicap, as indicated by a (c) alongside their name on the Handicap List posted on Noticeboard. However, non CONGU competition handicap players may play in any specific qualifying competition for handicap purposes and also in non-handicap qualifying competitions, but are not eligible to win a prize in the latter.

Please remember that it is the responsibility of each player to ensure that they know their current competition handicap. Any player using an incorrect, higher handicap will be disqualified.

## **Saturday Draws**

There will be Draws on Saturdays for players participating in Qualifying Competitions as listed within the Fixture List, as per the Saturday Competition Rules posted on the Noticeboard. **FOURBALLS** shall only be permitted from Draws, as per the Saturday Competition Rules.

## **Entry Process**

Players shall enter Qualifying Competitions as listed within the Fixture List using the following process:

- Players must enter using the Touch Screen located within the Clubhouse prior to commencement of the round;
- Required Entry Fees must be placed in an envelope and deposited within the Medal Box located on the wall of the Committee Room. All envelopes should record the name(s) of the player(s) entering along with the Name and Date of the competition prior to commencement of the round.

## **Scorecard Returns**

All scorecards should be fully completed including competition name, player's name, handicap and date. The player must ensure that his handicap is recorded on his score card before it is returned and is accurate. Failure to do so may result in disqualification – see Rules of Golf, Rule 6-2b and 6-6b.

After each hole the marker should check the score with the competitor and record it. On completion of the round he must sign the score card and return it to the competitor. On completion of the round the competitor should check his score for each hole and ensure that the marker has signed the score card and signed the score card himself.

All scores on the scorecard must be entered into the computer using the Touch Screen input Terminal. Failure to do so may result in suspension from future club competitions (Decision 6-6b/8, Decisions on the Rules of Golf).

A score card is considered to have been returned in accordance with Rule 6-6c (Alteration of Score Card) when it has been posted in the Medal Box below the Touch Screen input terminal.

## Status of Incomplete Cards & “No Returns”

- a) All cards must be returned in Qualifying Competitions, whether complete or not.
- b) It is expected that every player who enters an 18-hole Qualifying Competition intends to complete the round.
- c) Since an incomplete card and a “No Return” may have the effect of increasing a player’s handicap, the club would be justified in refusing to accept a card or record a No Return when a player has walked in after playing only a few holes.
- d) It is not acceptable to enter 18 zeros in the Touchscreen for “No Returns”. The actual score for each hole completed should be entered.
- e) Players should not commence rounds in Qualifying Competitions when there is obviously insufficient light for them to complete the round.
- f) Sympathetic consideration should be given to players who have to discontinue play for any cause considered to be reasonable by the organising committee.
- g) Clauses 23 & 24 of the UHS give clubs discretion to deal with players who persistently submit incomplete cards or make “No Returns” if they consider they are attempting to ‘Build a Handicap’

**Members who fail in their obligations and responsibilities to return cards, in Qualifying Competitions, whether complete or not, will be invited to explain their reasons to the Match Secretary or member of the Committee.**

## Slow Play

Slow play must be avoided. The pace of play in a Saturday competition is that of a three-ball. The time allowed for completion of 18 Holes is 3 hours 45 minutes. Any Group that falls more than one hole behind the Group in front is required to call through the match behind - offenders may, at the discretion of the Committee, face suspension from future Club competitions.

## Dress Code

Bridge of Allan Golf Club wishes to convey a modern approach, to its dress regulations, and hopes that members, visitors and guests will assist in maintaining the standards expected both on the course and in the clubhouse. On the course, smart, recognised, golf clothing and golf shoes must be worn. Dress in the clubhouse should be recognised golf clothing or smart casual clothes. Clothing should be clean and dry but not ripped or torn. Footwear is required, although golf shoes are not permitted in the bar. The club reserves the right to refuse admission to the Course or Clubhouse if individuals are not able to comply with our dress code, normal courtesies or the rules of golf.

## Mobile Phones

Mobile Phones are not to be used on the Course except in an Emergency.