



# Easingwold Golf Club

## H&C Update re Winter Rules and General Play

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### H & C Update 4th April 2022

#### **This update covers:**

Winter Rules  
General Play cards for Handicap  
Cards for Initial Handicap Index  
Course Etiquette

**Winter Rules** - the rules relating to Preferred Lies and Cleaning Ball are still in force until 30th April. However, the NEW rules relating to Fairway Mats and Bunkers (introduced in December) are now suspended.

With the course returning to normal tee positions, we will now be able to accept cards for both 'General Play' and for 'Initial Handicap Index', although note the following:

- on Tuesday (5<sup>th</sup> Apr) the 18th hole will be out of commission due to tree maintenance, so mark the 18th as Hole Not Played (see below, and do not record the score on the Spare Hole instead).
- on Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup> Apr) and Thursday (7<sup>th</sup> Apr) as the greens undergo Spring Maintenance, General Play scores will be suspended temporarily.

Also, a reminder that members can play off any tee when playing social golf.

**Cards for General Play** – previously known as Supplementary Cards or Casual Golf rounds, General Play scores are rounds of golf not played within an H&C organised competition that will be added to your scoring record. It is worth re-emphasising that the more scores you have on your scoring record (particularly as you build up to the 'magic 20'), then the more likely it is that your handicap index will be adjusted to your current standard of play.

#### Key points to note:

- The General Play round must have been pre-registered before play commences (this can be done by 'signing in' via either the Player Score Input (PSI) screen or Mobile Score Input (MSI) on your smartphones or tablets (using the HowDidIDo (HDID) app and selecting General Play Round followed by the format and course to be played (Please see the detailed instructions on how to sign in and enter scores on the EGC Club V1 Members Hub or EGC website).
- The General Play round must be played in an authorised format (individual strokeplay or stableford).
- The General Play round must be played over 9 or 18 holes in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
- Hole Not Played – If you did not play a hole for a valid reason (e.g., failing light or bad weather, hole out of play for maintenance, injury, or illness) you should mark the hole as HNP (Hole Not Played). A score of net par will be used for this hole. An incomplete round will only be acceptable for handicap purposes if you have played at least 9 holes (for a 9-hole score) or 10 holes (for an 18-hole score).
- The scorecard should be marked as 'For General Play' and must have the date, course played (i.e., which set of tees were used) players name, handicap index, course handicap, and gross score for each hole played. The name of the person 'marking' the card must also be clearly identified.



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- Once the General Play round is completed and scores verified, the result should be submitted electronically, again either via PSI or MSI (note: this MUST be done on the day of play in order that any relevant Playing Conditions Calculation adjustment can be applied).
  - Cards should be signed by the player and marker, and then deposited in the wooden box marked 'General Play' opposite to the locker room entrance (Ladies please put yours in Handicap Secretary's pigeonhole in the Ladies' locker room).
  - If playing at another course (in England) then please submit the General Play round via the 'My England Golf' app and it will then automatically be posted to your handicap record. The scorecard from such rounds should then be returned to EGC as per the previous bullet point.

**Cards for Initial Handicap Index** – there is no requirement to pre-register prior to play or to submit the result electronically, but the following should be noted:

- The round must be played in an authorised format (individual strokeplay or stableford).
- The round must be played over 9 or 18 holes in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
- The scorecard should be marked as 'For Initial Handicap Index' and must have the date, course played (i.e., which set of tees were used) players name, handicap index, course handicap, and gross score for each hole played. The name of the person 'marking' the card must also be clearly identified.
- Cards should be signed by the player and marker, and then deposited in the wooden box marked 'General Play' opposite to the locker room entrance (Ladies please put yours in Handicap Secretary's pigeonhole in the Ladies' locker room).
- A total of 54 holes made up of any combination of 9 or 18 holes must be submitted before the award of an Initial Handicap Index by H&C.

**Course Etiquette** – we have had a significant number of new members joining the club, some of whom are also new to club golf. We therefore feel it is a good time for new and long-standing members to be reminded of some important aspects of golf etiquette. Please see document entitled 'Golf Course Etiquette - 2021'.

Regards,  
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