



Easingwold Golf Club

H&C Update - 14th April 2023

Dear Member

This update covers:

Winter Rules

General Play cards for Handicap

Cards for Initial Handicap Index

Rules of Golf & Course Etiquette

Winter Rules - the rules relating to Preferred Lies and Cleaning Ball are still in force until 30th April. However, the use of Fairway Mats to protect the fairways is 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'. Also, a reminder that members can play off any tee when playing social golf.

Cards for General Play – 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.
- 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).



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- You can also use the England Golf 'MyEG' app to register and submit General Play scores at Easingwold or if playing at another course (in England). In each case the score will need to be verified via the app by your marker. The paper 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.

Rules of Golf & Course Etiquette – we have had a 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 attached. Also, the R&A has released a new 'Quick Guide to the Rules of Golf' video to help beginner golfers (but is a useful refresher for all members) become familiar with the essential information a golfer needs to get round a course. You can watch the video via this link: [R&A Quick Guide to the Rules of Golf](#)

Regards, H&C