



## Digital scorecard entry requirements

### **Background**

Digital scorecard entry has been with us for a number of years now, and golf clubs around the country have become more and more reliant on new technology to help the administration of competitions and individuals' handicaps.

At Stoke by Nayland we have adapted well to the changing ways, but we still have some areas where we need to improve.

This note should hopefully explain what we aim to do and why, as we go forward.

### **Our aim**

We want to reach a stage where any player recording a score – whether a qualifying competition or a general play round – pre-registers on a mobile phone or tablet before they play, and then enters the score on a mobile phone or tablet when they finish, using one of the specified apps which allow for a marker to be named.

In the Men's Section, we are almost 100% of the way there already, but in other sections of the club we still have a fair way to go. That is why, from January 1, 2023, we are making it a club requirement, in order that the Ladies Section and the Seniors Section can be more aligned with the Men's.

The reason we are making this requirement is because the How Did I Do app, and the England Golf app, are the only two currently where you can select a named marker to verify your score if necessary.

### **Why do we need this?**

Before we had the electronic capability we have now, following the rules of golf, we all had to fill in a scorecard properly, having it marked and signed by a fellow player before submitting it for any competition or for a general play round counting towards our handicap.

The electronic equivalent now is to keep our score on a scorecard as normal, but instead of submitting our card at the end, we now enter it on a digital device. In the event of any disputes or issues, competition administrators can check the name of the marker and contact them if necessary. Without a marker's name being selected, this is impossible.

The PSI unit in the Clubhouse does not have the capability of allowing us to select a marker, so that is why we need to use either the EG app or the HDID app on our mobile devices.

And as both of these apps will only accept a score entry if you have already signed in, it is now crucially important that you sign in on your phone or tablet before play, selecting either the correct competition or a general play round, and selecting the correct course and tees.

### **What you need to do to help us.**

Those members who are already signing in online before they play and using their phones or tablets as soon as their round finishes don't need to change anything.

For those who are not doing this, or only do it sometimes, please start doing it from now, for every score you want recorded, so that you are ready for when it becomes compulsory after January 1.

You can use the EG app to record general play scores – either from here at Stoke by Nayland, or at any other course around England. And you can use the HDID app to record either a general play score, or a Stoke by Nayland competition score.

Simply select the course, competition and tee boxes before you set off for the first tee. And then select score entry when you finish. Ideally as soon as you finish your round so competition administrators do not have to chase you, and certainly before you leave the car park, otherwise the score might not be accepted.

Remember to select the name of the marker who can verify your score – for general play and Competition rounds. It is not necessary for you to also enter their score, but it is good practice to do so..

### **If you are unable to use a mobile phone or tablet**

We recognise that there are a few individuals who either do not have a mobile device, who may not be familiar with apps and touch screens, or who may have other genuine reasons for not being able to do everything outlined above.

However, in a membership of around 1,000, we believe that this number will be small.

For those people who have genuine reasons for not being able to use a mobile device, we will ensure that Pro Shop staff will register you online before you play and will enter your score on your behalf when you finish.

However, we ask two things in return. Firstly, if you feel you are one of the few who will require help, then please contact Harry Hibbert on [harry.hibbert@stokebynayland.com](mailto:harry.hibbert@stokebynayland.com) so he can make the Pro Shop aware. Secondly, the rules of golf still apply, and the Pro Shop staff will not enter a score and nominate a marker if the scorecard is not filled in properly and signed by the player and the marker.

**And on a final note, we also recognise that some of those people who have difficulty with new technology may not be able to read this note. If you know of, or play with, anyone who fits this description, please bring it to their attention and ask them to contact Harry Hibbert.**

**If you have any questions on any of the above, please direct them to Harry Hibbert on [Harry.hibbert@stokebynayland.com](mailto:Harry.hibbert@stokebynayland.com)**