

Procedure for Players who Do Not Complete a Round/Submit a Competition Score

The WHS Rules of Handicapping state that if a player signs up to play in a qualifying competition, they must complete the round and submit a score, unless there is a valid reason (*refs 1& 2 below*).

The Handicap Committee at New Mills Golf Club is responsible for monitoring non-submissions, using reports generated by ClubV1 and the WHS. These reports are also monitored by England Golf to ensure that clubs are following the rules.

Valid reasons for not completing a round/submitting a score include illness, injury, fading light and adverse weather preventing continuation of play.

If you are unable to complete a round/submit a score you must notify the competition organizer as soon as possible.

The following procedure will be applied if a player fails to complete a round/submit a score without notifying the competition organizer of a valid reason:

Competition Round Not Completed/No Score Submitted (first time)

The player will receive an email with details of the competition name, date & time, noting that the player signed in to play a competition but failed to complete the round/submit a score.

The email will ask the player to contact the competition organizer to either a) explain the reason for not completing the round/submitting a score and/or b) hand-in the scorecard for processing.

Competition Round Not Completed/No Score Submitted (second time)

The player will receive an email with details of the competition name, date & time, noting that the player signed in to play a competition but, for a second time, failed to complete a round/submit a score without a valid reason.

The email will ask the player to contact the competition organizer to either a) explain the reason for not completing the round/submitting a score and/or b) hand-in the scorecard for processing.

The email will contain a warning that if this happens again (without a valid reason), the Handicap Committee will consider disciplinary action.

Competition Round Not Completed/No Score Submitted (third time)

The player will receive an email with details of the competition name, date & time, noting that the player signed-in to play a competition but, for a third time, failed to complete a round/submit a score without a valid reason.

The email will ask the player to contact the competition organizer to either a) explain the reason for not completing the round/submitting a score and/or b) hand-in the scorecard for processing.

The email will note that if the player fails to comply with the above request, a penalty score will be applied.

Penalty Scores

In accordance with the WHS Rules of Handicapping, penalty scores will be applied as follows (*ref 3 below*):

If a player is determined to have acted for the purpose of maintaining a low Handicap Index, the penalty score will be equal to the Highest Score Differential in their last 19 scores.

If a player is determined to have acted for the purpose of maintaining a high Handicap Index, the penalty score will be equal to the Lowest Score Differential in their last 19 scores.

Further sanctions could include freezing a Handicap Index, competition bans for a set period, withdrawal of Handicap Index.

Appeals Procedure

The Handicap Appeals Procedure can be found on the England Golf Website (*ref 4 below*).

The New Mills Golf Club Complaints Policy can be found on the Members Hub/Club/Documents/Club Policies

References/Further Information

www.Englandgolf.org/WHS

1. *WHS Resource Centre - 2024 Rules of Handicapping - Rules 2-4*
2. *WHS Resource Centre - 2024 Rules of Handicapping - Appendix A Rights and Responsibilities*
3. *WHS Resource Centre – 2024 Rules of Handicapping - Administration of Handicap Index - Rule 7*
4. *WHS Resource Centre – Handicap Appeals Procedure*

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