**Notes Regarding Competitions & Handicaps**

**Your Handicap Index:**

A handicap index is fully developed if you have 20 scores submitted from either competitions or general play.

When you have a fully developed handicap index, you are expected to return scores regularly if you play regularly. This is to maintain your handicap index to your current playing ability which is only fair to the rest of the membership if you play any form of competitive golf.

All member’s handicaps are reviewed annually. Those who play in team events and are not returning qualifying singles scores regularly, justify a handicap review.

**Responsibility of Player:**

Attempt to make the best score possible at each hole. | Submit acceptable scores to provide reasonable evidence of their demonstrated ability. | Complete the round that you signed in for. | Certify the scores of fellow players (*It is good practice to record your own score on the card you are marking*).

**Incomplete Rounds & Non-Return of Scorecards:**

To register to play in a competition or for a general play score is an intent to complete the round. An incomplete round without an acceptable reason supported by your fellow players will incur a penalty score. Bad weather or a poor score are not acceptable reasons for quitting. If your marker is retiring, you should try to negotiate a marker from the group/s coming behind to complete your round.

**Penalty Scores:**

Failure to return a general play score will automatically incur a penalty score. Incomplete rounds in a singles competition or non-return of card will trigger the handicap committee to issue a penalty score.

**General Play Scores:**

You must register in the Pro-shop your intent to play a general play round for handicap purpose before teeing up. A paper scorecard MUST ALWAYS be returned (home & away scores) and your score must be entered into the system immediately after completing your round.

**Returning scores to computer:**

If you started a hole but did not record a score at it, enter a zero. DO NOT enter ‘Hole not played’. If for some reason you did not complete your round and retired early, enter ‘Hole not played’ for those holes that you did not start. Be sure you fully complete the process before you leave the computer.

**Competitions Tue/Thu:**

The first time on the timesheet is 8:30 to coincide with the opening of the Pro-shop. Anyone wishing to enter the competition before 8:30 MUST have prior arrangement for each competition with the Pro-shop before teeing off, or their score is not eligible for the competition.

**Competition Prizes Thu/Sat:**

Prizes are limited to no more than a third of the competition income. 48 entries are required to include a gross prize.