

## Competition Entry & World Handicap System

Guidelines for club competitions aligned to the new World Handicap System, in addition Covid -19 restrictions on playing are still applicable

The WHS is now live, all golf competition scores and a players handicap index ( with associated course handicap ) are managed by this external system. Scottish Golf via the WHS have calculated these based on historical score card returns ( club and external ) and will manage each individuals handicap index going forward. The club system provides Alva competition scores only direct to Scottish Golf, the club has no control over individual players handicap index. The Scottish Golf website provides additional information on the new WHS

Handicap rules have changed with each player allocated a Handicap Index, a current listing will be posted in the locker room. The Alva course rating charts are also posted in the locker room. A players competition handicap at Alva is determined by comparing the handicap index to the course rating chart. Please note that a players handicap may differ whilst playing a course with a different course rating

For Alva club competitions our local system will apply the individuals current handicap ( based on their handicap index ) when submitting a score card but player needs to make sure they validate their score with playing partners

**For club competitions in 2021 a competition tee booking time via the club website is still mandatory to comply with Covid - 19 Track and Trace.** For any new member wanting to obtain a handicap index to play in competitions please contact [gmcbain@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gmcbain@hotmail.co.uk)

All players must return their score card via the door slot on completion of play irrespective of number of holes played. A minimum of 10 holes must be scored to return a score into the WHS, the WHS will apply a double bogey score for any of the remaining 8 holes if no score entered. No return score cards no longer count towards handicap calculation

Score card returns - completed cards through door slot in locker room

1. Use the locker room terminal to enter competition score or
2. Our Handicap Master system now has an online facility **Master Score Board** which allows an individual member to enter their competition score via mobile phone device, any member wishing to use this method can be given access by contacting [ianmcbain3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ianmcbain3@hotmail.co.uk). This also provides access to a players handicap index and all competition returns

Competition entry is £3 with optional £2 sweep - best score returns and hidden birdie

## Strokeplay Competition Procedures, effective from 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

All competitions will be handicap qualifiers

### Golf Course

**Preferred lies in operation**, ball may be cleaned and placed within six inches of its original lie, no nearer the hole.

Preferred lies on fairways / mown grass and green aprons, no relief in semi rough / rough.

Preferred lies on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> holes over the burn

Preferred lies will remain in force until advised otherwise

**Bunkers are in play**, ball to be played as it lies, on leaving the bunker smooth sand with feet ( no rake use due to Covid - 19 )

**Pin Flags** are to remain in holes during putting, not to be removed, all putts must be holed out, no gimmies

### Score Card / Submission of Card

Player responsible for own per hole score and validating playing partners per hole score

No exchange or countersigning of score cards - players to confirm with each other on completion of play that their scores are correct

Scores then returned via locker room terminal / or Master Score Board

On completion post through door slot with entry