



**ORGANISED COMPETITIONS
AND
COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY UNAFFILIATED COMMITTEES
(Includes societies, alliances, internal club groups, hats, roll-ups etc)**

ORGANISED COMPETITIONS

DEFINITION OF A COMMITTEE - The person or group in charge of the competition (ROG DEF).

There are two different categories of committees which organise golf competitions:

- Affiliated Club handicap/competition committees are obliged to run Acceptable Score Competitions in accordance with the World Handicap System Rules of Handicapping. It is the committee's responsibility to ensure that all scores are returned from competitions played in an authorized format over 18 or 9 holes.
- Unaffiliated committees, such as Alliances, Societies, internal club groups etc., are not bound by World Handicap System Rules but golf club members playing in such competitions continue to be bound by these rules and, subject to compliance with Rule 2 of the WHS Rules of Handicapping should return scores from these competitions for handicap purposes.

Players must always register their intention to return an Acceptable Score.

NOTE: Definition of General Play. When an organised competition is not being contested and golfers are playing a casual round not in an event organised by a committee.

COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY UNAFFILIATED COMMITTEES

Players are responsible for returning scores from any organised competition which is played in an authorised format from a rated set of tees on any golf course irrespective of whether or not the competition has been organised by an unaffiliated committee, i.e. Alliance, Society or internal club group.

During the **Preferred Lie** period scores may **not** be returned for handicapping purposes if any of the following local rules or restrictions apply;

1. Preferred lies in the general area or where the relief area exceeds 6 inches
2. The ball is lifted from the fairway and placed or dropped in the semi-rough
3. The competition is over less than 18holes but is not a 9hole competition.
4. If the competition is played using winter tees or greens and a temporary modification to the course and slope ratings has not been approved by the area authority



CLUB COMPETITIONS DURING THE PREFERRED LIES PERIOD

It is the committees' responsibility to ensure that members return all scores from any competition played over 18 or 9 holes in an authorised format where none of the above restrictions apply.

Should conditions for the return of scores acceptable for handicapping purposes apply, provision for the return of **General Play** scores **must** be readily available.

Players must always register their intention to return an Acceptable Score.