

How do I submit a score for handicap in a non-competition round?

Many of you may have heard the terms 'general play', 'casual scores' and 'social scores' mentioned as we moved into the World Handicap System era.

It's the idea of submitting a **Casual Score** that will count for handicap purposes, from a round that's not a club competition. This can be when playing in a roll up or when playing a friendly game with at least one other person.

Entering casual scores for handicap purposes is encouraged under the rules of the WHS.

The reason being that handicap records now focus on your last 20 scores, with the best eight differentials being averaged out for your handicap index, **it's clear that the more scores you submit the more accurate your handicap will become.**

If you do decide to submit a **Casual Score** the first thing you need to do before you go out on the course is, **register your intent to play.**

To **register** - log in to **HowDidIDo**,

- click on **Today's Golf**,
- click on **Sign In** and find **Casual Round**,
- click on **Sign In**,
- check that **Qualifying** is highlighted,
- click on **Please Select** and select the appropriate Card. At Looe for Men this will normally be either **Looe GC Yellow Card (18 Holes)** or, during the winter months, **Looe GC Winter Mats (18 hole)**. For Ladies the **Looe GC Red Card (18 Holes)**.
- then select whether you wish to play **Strokeplay** or **Stableford** before finally selecting the **Sign In** button.

Note:

1. If you only wish to do 9 holes just follow the above instructions but select the appropriate 9 hole card.
2. It is not really as complicated as it may appear from the above instructions. The more you do it the easier it will become. **Honest!**

Once COVID restrictions are lifted you will be able to continue to do all of the above on HowDidIDo, or on the Club's PSI terminal in the Clubhouse.

As a reminder, the acceptable formats of play to submit a **Casual Score** are individual **Stroke Play**, or **Stableford**, rounds. This can be during a friendly game with at least one other person or playing in any **Roll Up** where there is an individual prize winner. England Golf and Looe Golf Club Committee strongly recommend that all members playing in rounds that fit these criteria submit a **Casual Score** to accurately reflect their current playing capability.

• **Notes:**

1. When a player does not submit a Casual Score, any score below their handicap will be reviewed in line with Rule 7.1, under general play.

2. Four-ball stroke play, individual match play, four-ball match play rounds, cannot be used towards a **Casual Score**.
3. In any competition or roll up where there is no individual prize (e.g. Texas Scramble, best 2 from 3 or 4 etc) a Casual Score **cannot** be submitted. (However, if all scores count towards a Team score then submission of a casual score is acceptable).

Once you have signalled your intent to submit a **Casual Score**, work out your Course Handicap for the tees you are playing from. Then go out and play but remember, for your score to be verified and to count towards your WHS record, it must be played:

1. **In accordance with the Rules of Golf.**
2. **Over a minimum of 10 holes for an 18 hole round.**
3. **All 9 holes for a 9 hole round.**
4. **With at least one other club member (to witness your score)**
5. **On a course with a current Course and Slope Rating**
6. **The player MUST be hole out 'gimmie putts' are not permitted.**

Once you have finished your round do one of the following:

- submit your score via **Today's Golf** on HowDidIDo, (See **Note 1** below on how to enter your score)
- Or send a copy of your score, with the markers name, to the Handicap Secretary. (email secretary@loogolfclub.co.uk)
- Scores need to be entered as soon as possible on every occasion so that they are assessed along with all other submitted scores for that day.
- *Please note you can submit a **Casual Score** at any course you may be visiting by using that Club's PSI to register and enter your score before leaving.*

Note 1: When entering your score on HowDidIDo enter your gross score for each hole. If you do not score on a hole then you must Click on the 'No Score' button which brings up another window, here you need to select one of the following options:

- 'Did Not Play' only select this option if you did not play that hole (Not allowed if only playing 9 holes) OR
- 'Played But Did Not Score' use this option when you have played at least one shot on that hole, i.e. Tee shot, but have then picked you ball up, or have lost it and have not played a provisional ball.

Once submitted the score will be processed overnight, with the WHS system adding any adjustment required for the Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) for that day's play. You can then check the following morning to see how the score affected your (WHS) **Handicap Index**.