

Amendments introduced in March 2018

- **Club, Disability and Junior Handicaps:** Remove all references from the Index
- **Decision 2f:** Introduced to advise on situations where a player's single score submission will count for 2 separate competitions on the same day.
- **Decision 2g:** Introduced to rule that an individual competition played in conjunction with a 4BBB cannot be qualifying for handicap purposes.
- **Course Measurement (Appendix A):** Reinforce that when measuring the length of a hole it must be carried out commencing from Tee to Green, not Green to Tee.
- **Continuous Handicap Review – Ireland:** Reinforce that for Ireland, any increase of handicap implemented as a result of the Continuous Handicap Review must be sanctioned by the Area Authority.
- **Local Rule for Cleaning and Replacing the Ball – Decision 1c:** If a club introduces a local rule to allow the cleaning and replacing of the ball under the Rules of Golf Appendix I, Part A, 3(c), scores may only count for handicap adjustment if the area defined is restricted to closely mown areas only. If defined as 'through the green' it will render the score/competition as non-qualifying.

Dec.2(f) Player Score counts for 2 Competitions on the Same Day

Q. Can a person submit one score to count for 2 different competitions on the same day?

A. Whilst it is not against the Rules for one score to count for more than one qualifying competition on a certain day, it is essential that the single score is not processed in both competitions for handicap adjustment purposes. For this reason, it is not recommended that this be utilised. If a club do allow such an approach, it is up to The Committee to ensure that the scores are not counted twice for handicap purposes. The scenarios under which these may be managed on the club software are too numerous to provide a specific approach. However, simplistically, if both are run as separate competitions (as they are of different format – e.g. Medal & Stableford), one approach would be to generate the competition results for Competition A and then remove the scores for those players who are also playing in Competition B. The scores would then be input to Competition B and the results produced for that competition. Once the results have been completed, each competition can be finalised and handicap adjustments applied. As to which competition should count for adjusting the handicap of such players, it is a matter of choice for the club: there is no recommendation.

If the two competitions are of the same format and the combined CSS approach is taken, it is a simple matter of ensuring that the players whose scores count for both competitions are included in each result output. As it is a single competition, and the scores are only entered once, the overall CSS would apply.

Dec.2(g) Status of Individual Competition played in conjunction with a 4BBB Competition

Where an individual competition score is returned concurrently with a 4BBB Competition, the individual competition cannot be Qualifying for handicap purposes. Some rules for a 4BBB are applied differently to an individual competition and, under the Rules of Golf, take precedence over the individual round. It is for this reason that it cannot be a qualifying score.

Dec.1(c) Status of a competition when a local rule allowing relief from an embedded ball 'through the green' or Clean and Place Ball is in operation

Q2. *May a club run a Qualifying Competition when a Local Rule allowing cleaning of the ball 'through the green' is in place?*

A2. No. The Local Rule available under Appendix I, Part A, 3c, is only available for a Qualifying Competition if replacing on a 'closely mown area' is specified.