

Member Policy

The Manchester Golf Club



COVID-19
SPECIAL
MEASURES

Competitions

This document clarifies how we will enter competitions, mark score cards and enter scores into the computer on return to golf following the Government lockdown.

Entering a Competition

In previous seasons members entered a competition by going into the Professional shop and logging onto the computer, providing they had sufficient funds in their golf account they could/would enter the competition of the day. Given that wherever possible we are trying to avoid up to 160 people using the same computer terminal (whilst some are in a hurry - late for their tee time etc) we will follow this procedure:

- Once the start sheet closes (4pm on a Friday prior to Saturday competitions) those players on the start sheet will be considered as having entered the competition, with the club automatically debiting £5 from each of those players accounts.
- Should a player not have sufficient funds in their account then that player will still be entered with the club reminding them to top up their accounts.
- Should a player continually fail to top up their account their right to enter any competitions will be suspended.

Marking a Score card

Traditionally under normal R&A and MGC rules, players entering a competition fill in their name, handicap and competition of the day, prior to passing their card to a marker. Swopping scorecards is not compatible with social distancing measures and therefore, for the foreseeable future:

- Each player will take a score card from the professional shop
- On the tee each player will fill in the details of one of their playing partners, scoring that player throughout the round, at the end of the round ONLY the scorer will be required to sign the card, preventing the need for more than one person to touch each card,
- In golf we are all aware that the card is the key item when recording a score, in that case please be extra vigilant regarding the scoring of the player for whom you are responsible, checking with that player verbally that there is an agreement on the Gross and Nett scores.

The R&A has introduced interim rules for competitive stroke play so that the method of scoring does not require scorecards to be exchanged

Entering a score into the computer

Traditionally the player has been responsible for entering their score into the computer, until further notice the marker will enter the score for the card they have held to ensure only one person will need to touch the card. When using the clubhouse system to enter the scorecard you have marked you should follow this procedure:

- Before touching the screen use the Hand Sanitizer that will be available
- Enter the score as in previous seasons (ONLY FOR YOUR PLAYING PARTNER)
- Once again use the Hand Sanitizer before moving away from the screen

We are planning a full programme of competitions for 2020 and appreciate all members following these guidelines to help ensure we play as safely as possible at all times.