



## **Nine-Hole Qualifying Competitions** *(CONGU Unified Handicapping System, Clause 22).*

“Evidence from golf clubs indicates that a significant number of *Members*, due to increasing demands in their working and family life for example, are unable to play 18 hole *Qualifying Competitions* frequently enough to establish and maintain a handicap representative of their potential ability.

Consequently, in response to the changing needs of the game and the *Members* of our *Affiliated Clubs*, *Qualifying Competitions* over Nine-Holes have been introduced into the *UHS* to provide additional opportunities for the return of *Qualifying Scores*.

It is envisaged that Nine-Hole *Qualifying Competitions* will be particularly attractive to clubs and their *Members* in summer evenings and in the restricted daylight hours of winter weekends. Nine-Hole competitions could also be the means by which a greater number of senior golfers are encouraged to make returns for handicap purposes.”

“Within a golf club, the individual sections for Men, Ladies, Seniors and Juniors as appropriate, may each arrange up to ten Nine-Hole *Qualifying Competitions* per annum. Any *Member*, however, is restricted to the return of a maximum of ten Nine-Hole *Qualifying Scores* per annum.”

“The format for Nine-Hole *Qualifying Competitions* is Stableford with a ‘neutral’ 18 points for the nine unplayed holes being added to the Nine-Hole Stableford score.

As there is no desire to change the traditional way in which competitive golf is played i.e. over 18 holes, the number of Nine-Hole competitions is restricted.”

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Nine-Hole Qualifying Competitions will be held over the designated Nine-Hole course selected by the golf club committee, which will be allocated an appropriate SSS by the Scottish Golf Union / Scottish Ladies’ Golfing Association. Handicap adjustments will be applicable only to players with handicaps in Categories 2,3,4 [and 5].

For full details on the operation of Nine-Hole Qualifying Competitions please refer to Clause 22 of the CONGU Unified Handicapping System 2008-2011.