

## **Nine-Hole Qualifying Competitions**

Clause 22 of the CONGU® Unified Handicapping System (UHS) 2008-2011 permits recognised sections within golf clubs to hold Nine-Hole Qualifying Competitions.

Evidence from golf clubs indicates that a significant number of Members, due to the 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 CONGU® UHS to provide additional opportunities for Members to return 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.

The format for Nine-Hole Qualifying Competitions is Stableford over the designated Nine-Hole Course. A 'neutral' 18 points is added for the nine unplayed holes to the Nine-Hole Stableford score.

Clubs (or sections of clubs) wishing to take advantage of these provisions must obtain from their Union a 'Nine-Hole Standard Scratch Score' (SSS), which will be expressed as an 18-hole value, for the designated nine-holes of their course that will be used for such competitions. Please see the Related Documents section for a copy of the Nine-Hole SSS Application Form.

A current scorecard for the course and tees being used must accompany all applications.

Applications for SSS's from Men's tees should be sent to the SGU office and applications for SSS's from Ladies' Tees should be sent to the SLGA office.