

# CONGU® Unified Handicapping System

## Status of Handicap (Clause 25)



### IMPLEMENTATION

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 “Clause 25 of the CONGU® Unified Handicapping System gives a Union the right to ‘direct that the handicap of any player, in whatever Category, who returns a stipulated minimum number of Qualifying Scores in a period between Annual Reviews, or during the previous calendar year, shall be marked as a ‘Competition Handicap’.”
- 1.2 As a consequence, players who have returned three or more Qualifying Scores before 1 March each year shall have their handicap automatically annotated with a small and/or italicised ‘c’ to indicate a ‘Competition Handicap’ status. Players returning 2 or less qualifying scores will not have the ‘c’ annotation applied to their handicap.
- 1.3 Players who do **not** hold a ‘Competition Handicap’ shall not be entitled to enter a competition (Home or Away) for which a CONGU® Competition Handicap is required for entry. This does not preclude players who do not hold a ‘Competition Handicap’ from playing in club competitions, where appropriate, for submission of a score for handicap purposes and in order to obtain or regain ‘Competition Handicap’ status.
- 1.4 Players who do **not** hold a ‘Competition Handicap’ status may still use their handicaps for social golf and the like.

#### 2. OPERATION

- 2.1 Under Clause 7.7(i) of the CONGU® UHS the Handicap Committee of an affiliated club is required, prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> March each year, to undertake a review of the handicaps of all members for whom the club is the ‘Home’ Club. At the Annual Review any players who have returned **three** or more scores in Qualifying Competitions in the period since the last Annual Review, shall have their handicap annotated with a small and/or italicised ‘c’ to reflect that it is a ‘Competition Handicap’ e.g. a player with an exact handicap of 15.6 shall be annotated as 16c
- 2.2 A player who does **not** hold a ‘Competition Handicap’ shall not be entitled to enter a competition (home or away) for which a CONGU® Handicap is required for entry. This, however, does not preclude players who do **not** hold ‘Competition Handicap’ status from playing in club competitions, where appropriate, for submission of a score for handicap purposes.

- 2.3 Affiliated golf clubs are still required to conduct an Annual Handicap Review for all members and apply requisite handicap adjustments, where appropriate.
- 2.4 To regain 'Competition Handicap' status, a player shall be required to return scorecards totalling a minimum of 54 holes in accordance with the requirements of the CONGU® UHS, Clause 16 - Allotment of Handicaps.
- 2.5 Clubs shall inform their membership of the manner by which players can regain 'Competition Handicap' status.
- 2.6 Following submission of the requisite number of cards for allotment of handicap, the 'Competition Handicap' allocated should be based on the scorecards returned, together with all other available information regarding the player's ability.
- 2.7 Scores adjusted to produce a Nett Differential under Clause 19 are Qualifying Scores whether or not all eighteen holes have been completed.
- 2.8 A club has, in very exceptional circumstances, the discretion to maintain a 'Competition Handicap' on behalf of a Member who has failed to return the required number of cards due to e.g. ill health, injury or exceptional personal circumstances. The use of this discretion is expected to be infrequent.