

Temporary arrangements for competitions and supplementary rounds.

For organised competitions, players must sign in with the starter before starting the round. For general play, supplementary cards, etc players should email starter@giffordgolfclub.com or use the Scottish golf app to register. Just having a booking is not sufficient.

Players fill in their own name and handicap, and name of their 'marking partner' on the scorecard. Both players record their own scores and their marking partner scores. Please make sure it is clear which scores apply to which player. It is recommended players always write their own scores in column A.

General play, supplementary cards or cards for handicap should be marked as such and the tees used should be indicated.

At the end of the round, players sign their own cards and return them to the container provided.

Incomplete, illegible or unsigned cards will be disqualified.

Cards will have to remain untouched in the container for at least 24 hours before being processed so results could take up two or three days to be published.

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Rules and temporary provisions.

The Rules of Golf have not been changed. Some temporary provisions and clarifications are as follows.

Flagsticks: Flagsticks must remain on the hole at all times and must not be touched by hand, glove, towel etc.

If it is necessary to centre a flagstick this may be done by using, for example, a putter head.

Holed ball: The ball is holed when it is at rest in the cup and any part of it is below the surface of the putting green, regardless of whether it is touching the flagstick.

If the ball bounces out of the hole, it has not been holed and must be played as it lies.

Bunkers: Preferred lies are available in bunkers. The ball may be lifted, cleaned and placed within 6 inches of where it lies not nearer the hole and within the bunker. It is not permitted to smooth the sand before placing the ball.

If there is no better lie within 6 inches, the player may play the ball as it lies or choose to invoke the unplayable ball (rule 19.3) options under penalty.

Note: The width (not length) of Gifford score cards is 5.25 inches.

After playing out of the bunker, players should attempt to smooth the sand using a foot, a club or similar.

If the ball is in a bunker marked as ground under repair, normal relief is allowed.

Fairway mats: When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less and a putter is not being used for the stroke, the ball must be lifted, placed on and played from an Astroturf, or similar type of, mat. The mat must be placed as near as possible to where the ball originally lay, and the ball must be placed on the mat. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

If a ball when placed rolls off the mat, the player must try to place it a second time. If the ball again does not stay on the mat, the mat must be moved to the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, where the ball will come to rest on the mat when placed. If the player accidentally causes the ball on the mat to move before a stroke is made, there is no penalty and the ball must be placed again on the mat.

If a tee is used to secure the mat into the ground, the ball must not be placed on the tee.

Yellow Tees out of play: During poor ground conditions several yellow tees are out of position and may not be used for handicap purposes. They should still be used for informal 'bounce' games where a card is not being submitted. Ladies may use either red or yellow for bounce games.

While the yellow tees are out of play, members who want to submit a General Play (supplementary) card, or for handicap, must only use the red or white tees. Ladies should only use the red tees because the white tees have not been measured for ladies. Men can choose which tee to play from so it is therefore important that men mark the colour of tees used on the score card. For the avoidance of doubt, the other male players in the group who are not submitting a card should still play off yellow.

If more than one temporary green is in use then cards may not be submitted for handicap purposes.