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Rules of Handicapping Royal Golf Club, Bahrain

As a club, we expect each and every round to be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

1. OBTAINING A HANDICAP

- a) In order to obtain an official handicap at The Royal Golf Club, a player must submit a minimum of three 18-hole scorecards played over a measured/rated course, i.e. our Championship Course.
- b) Each card must be marked and signed by a Member with an official handicap.
- c) The requisite cards should be submitted within a period of six months.
- d) In order for a scorecard to be submitted, the player should, at check-in, declare their round in the golf shop and receive the designated handicap card.
- e) The tee from which you play must be indicated on the scorecard.
- f) Following the completion of the round, the player is required to return their scorecard to the golf shop.

2. GENERAL PLAY ROUNDS

- a) For your handicap to be a true reflection of your playing ability, you should return as many general play rounds as possible.
- b) General play rounds may take place over 18 holes or 9 holes and you should sign into the HowDidIDo app before commencing play.
- c) Upon completion of play, scores MUST be entered into the HowDidIDo app and the scorecard MAY be returned to the golf shop.
- d) General play rounds must be played in the presence of someone with a valid handicap.

3. QUALIFYING ROUNDS

A qualifying round is any round that qualifies for your handicap. This includes; but is not limited to: General Play Rounds, Individual Stablefords, Individual Strokeplays, Monthly Medals & Order of Merits. Qualifying rounds do not include any Matchplay Rounds or Pairs Events.

4. COMPETITIVE HANDICAPS

- a) In order for Members to be eligible for prizes in club competitions, they will need to have a minimum of 6 qualifying rounds on their playing record in the 12-month period prior to the date of the competition.
- b) Without this, Members will be encouraged to play in the competition and use the round as a qualifier, but cannot win the competition or any main prize. (In this case there will be no relevant entry fee taken).
- c) The same rule applies for those wanting to compete in Matchplay competitions and the 6 qualifying rounds must be on the players' record before the closing date of entries.

5. NEW MEMBERS WITH EXISTING HANDICAPS

Any new Member that holds an existing handicap from a previous golf club or a valid mobile app will be able to transfer over their handicap into our system. They will be eligible for prizes for club competitions so long as they meet the criteria in 4.a).

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6. PROFESSIONALS

- a) All club professionals and touring professionals will be eligible to play in social events and non-member events at the discretion of the club.
- b) If the professional does not maintain a valid handicap, they will be given a Handicap Index of +4.5.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) Players who play frequently and do not return scores will be monitored and possibly have their handicap index withdrawn for a certain amount of time as per rule 7.1c in the rules of handicapping.
- b) The tournament committee has the right to set the rules for every competition amend any tournament result based on the above criteria.