

## Directions for Committees – Recording of No Returns

### Acceptable Scores including General Play Returns

**When the scores from any Competition or General Play Score are entered into the computer the actual gross scores for all the completed holes should be input as well as indicating those holes which were not started. The software will calculate the adjusted score for those holes not completed or started. In no circumstances should ‘no score’ (i.e. zero) be entered for every hole.**

In practice, handicapping software will allow a zero to be entered against every hole after a competition, with players sometimes using this as either a lazy way of returning a bad score, or as a way to disguise just how bad the score was.

In most Acceptable Score Strokeplay competitions there will be a few players who will not hole out on every hole. Whilst disqualified from the competition, their scores are still valid for handicapping purposes. The software calculates a nett double bogey gross score for any such holes not completed and nett par for those not started. In all circumstances, the correct scores will ensure that the most appropriate score is entered into the players handicap record. In Stableford, Par/Bogey and Maximum Score competitions players are not disqualified when they pick up on a hole; indeed that is encouraged once the outcome of the hole has been decided. Nevertheless it is just as important that all completed holes are properly recorded so that the correct score is generated by the software.

*Consider the following scenario: A player of Course Handicap 10 had 10 net bogeys, 6 net pars and picked up on two holes (neither of which he received a stroke) for which the computer records an NDB. The Adjusted Gross Score would then be 96 for handicap purposes. If, however, “no score” were entered for each hole the resulting Adjusted Gross Score would be 118.*

WHS will use the best 8 out of the last 20 calculated Score Differentials. For the player in the example above, an Adjusted Gross Score of 96 may well be within the best 8 of the last 20 scores but it is highly likely that the Adjusted Gross Score of 118 will be one of the discarded scores. The calculated handicap may therefore be directly affected.

Whilst clubs may not impose any penalty under the Rules of Golf for incorrectly entering scores into the computer, Committees may impose a disciplinary sanction, such as under a Code of Conduct, for players who repeatedly fail to comply with such a requirement (see Committee Procedures 5A(5)). CONGU® strongly recommends that Committees consider such sanctions