

EGU/EWGA RULE CHANGES 2012

The EGU/EWGA has introduced some rule changes, applicable from January 1st 2012.

Below are the rule changes which will affect ALL members of Worcester Golf and Country Club:

1. Exceptional scores: 2 good scores of -4 or better will be flagged up on CONGU software and will qualify for an Exceptional Score Reduction [ESR]. The player will then get a **further** reduction of 2 shots [ESR]. Apply at time of second good score and not in Annual Review. This is mandatory;
2. If a player has a high number of NR's, they are to be challenged about "building a handicap" or "protecting their handicap". If they persist, suspend them from competitions;
3. If a player has a high number of NR's, the NR's are to be disregarded in Annual Reviews; Two NR's per year is plenty;
4. Be careful when reviewing players who have won singles competitions. If the player has played in a lot of qualifying competitions, he should not be cut as his qualifying scores will have calculated his handicap; Qualifying scores over-ride single match play comps;
5. 45pts in Better Ball triggers alarms – look at both players cards;
6. If a player plays in "fiddles" and takes the money regularly, but also plays in a lot of qualifiers, no need to cut him;
7. CSS calculation will be SSS + buffer zone;
8. 7 qualifiers a fair indication of playing ability;
9. New Mixed Golf allowances – which will be mandatory; [*Further info in CONGU handbook*];
10. Annual Review [clause 23] – clause to ensure all playing members have handicaps that reflect their competitive playing ability;
11. Not allowed to issue CASH prizes for medals;
12. Allowed to give CASH as a prize for a Hole in One;
13. Nearest Pin and Longest Drive still limited to £500;
14. Allowed to give a CAR as a prize for a Hole in One;
15. Prize vouchers – can be allowed for purchase of goods or services from a golf club. Organising Committee MUST stipulate in Competition Rules for what purpose the voucher may be used; WGCC will give bar and restaurant vouchers for President's Cleek and George Lodge Trophy.

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