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EXPLAINED**

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## GENERAL PLAY & COMPETITION ROUNDS

The current term Qualifying Score is replaced in the WHS by a new term Acceptable Score.

### How your score counts towards the WHS?

Acceptable formats of play for submitting a score towards a player's Handicap Index are:

- Pre-registered general play 'social' scores
- All individual competition rounds 9 or 18 holes, played home or away in format below
  - Stroke play (Medal)
  - Par/Bogey
  - Stableford
  - Maximum Score

Non-Acceptable formats of play for submitting a score towards a player's Handicap Index:

- Scores from fourball better ball
- Other matchplay events

### How to submit a score?

After the completion of a competition round, a player has to submit their scorecard as soon as possible in order for their Handicap Index to be updated. Preferably, scores should be posted at the venue being played and on the same day.

In order to verify a score and for it to count towards a player's WHS, it must be played:

- In accordance with The Rules of Golf
- In an authorised format of play
- Over a minimum number of 10 holes
- With at least one other person
- On a course with a current Course Rating and Slope Rating

The recommendation from England Golf is that scores from regular organised informal competitions amongst members (Swindles and roll-ups) are considered preregistered and should be submitted for handicap purposes.

For golfers playing in recreational rounds with friends, either in teams or pairs, even when there is no intention of submitting a score for handicap purposes, they will need to calculate their Course Handicap prior to their round.