

Policy on marking & submitting Autoscore scorecards

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Refer Rules of Golf – rule 3.3b

A) Marking and certifying Autoscore scorecards

- A competition score, whether individual, fourball or foursomes, must be certified by an
 independent marker (or markers) accompanying the player for the entire round. This means
 that an individual or a pair (in the case of fourball or foursomes) are not eligible to play in a
 competition if they are playing on their own, unless accompanied by independent marker(s).
- 2. Each player (or team in fourball/foursomes) must pick up their own scorecard from the Golf Shop and then, prior to teeing off, give the scorecard to the person who will be marking their scorecard ('the marker').
- 3. The scorecard is completed using the following process:
 - (a) Immediately following the completion of each hole:
 - The marker confirms the player's score for the just-completed hole and records the player's score as follows:
 - the gross score must be marked with a '●' in the right-hand portion of the card (where it is read by the Autoscore scanner), and
 - the score should also be recorded in the traditional manner by inserting the number in the 'Player' column on the left-hand side of the scorecard.
 - The marker should also insert their own score for that hole in the 'Marker' column on the lefthand side of the scorecard (if they are playing in the competition).
 - (b) When the round has ended and the scores for all holes have been inserted:



- the marker and the player confirm that the player's scores are recorded correctly;
- the marker signs the scorecard in the 'Marker' space (thereby verifying that the player's scores are recorded correctly) and hands the scorecard to the player;
- the player signs the scorecard in the 'Player' space (thereby confirming that all his/her scores are recorded correctly).
- (c) Once the scorecard has been completed and signed by both the marker and the player the player is solely responsible for submitting his/her scorecard see section B) below.



B) Submitting the scorecard

- 4. A scorecard is considered to have been submitted once it has been scanned by the Autoscore scanner and you have pressed the "confirm" button.
- 5. The hard-copy scorecard, signed by the player, must also be placed in the scorecard box provided in the Golf Shop.
- 6. If scorecards are unable to be returned by means of the Autoscore system (e.g. IT system not working) the hard-copy must be handed directly to a Golf Operations staff member. The scorecard will be considered to be returned once it has been accepted by Golf Operations staff.

C) Dealing with incorrect scores detected in returned scorecards

- 7. Where an inconsistency between a returned score and the actual score is discovered the Golf Operations Manager is authorised to make a determination, in accordance with the Rules of Golf and this policy, as to how the inconsistency will be dealt with.
- 8. In addition to any penalties set out in the Rules of Golf or determinations made under this policy, **deliberate falsification of a scorecard, either by the player or the marker**, will be treated as a breach of the IGC *Member Code of Conduct* (click here to view).
- 9. Where an Autoscore scorecard has been submitted by means of the Autoscore scanner:
 - (a) If the hard-copy scorecard is not lodged in the scorecard box, at the discretion of the Golf Operations Manager the player may be disqualified and/or the score status recorded in Golf Link as one of the status options other than "Normal Score".
 - (b) Where a wrong/inconsistent score for a hole is discovered:
 - Returned score for the hole is worse than the hard-copy score: the score stands.
 - Returned score for the hole is better than the hard-copy score: player is disqualified.
- 10. Where scorecards cannot be returned by means of the Autoscore system, and scores are required to be processed manually by Golf Operations staff from the hard-copy scorecard:
 - (a) If no hard-copy scorecard has been provided to Golf Operations, the score status will be recorded in Golf Link as "No Score Not Approved".
 - (b) Where a wrong/inconsistent score <u>for a hole</u> is discovered:
 - Returned score for the hole is worse than the hard-copy score: the score stands.
 - Returned score for the hole is better than the hard-copy score: player is disqualified.
 - (c) Where there is uncertainty or ambiguity in the score recorded <u>for a hole</u>:
 - A dot is missing for a hole: in normal stroke play, disqualification; in stableford, no points for the hole; in versus par, a loss for the hole.
 - Ambiguity within the dots, or conflict between the 'dot(s)' and the number: the worst of the scores indicated is used.

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