



AWALI GOLF CLUB

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Changes To CONGU Handicap System Regulations.

Greetings fellow members,

From the 1st January this year, CONGU have implemented some changes to the unified handicapping system. Basically they have introduced the concept of Active & Inactive handicaps, where an active handicap is defined as a handicap whereby the player has played in a minimum of 3 handicap qualifying competitions during the past 12 months, and an Inactive handicap is a player who has player less than 3.

It is left to individual clubs to decide whether or not they wish to utilise this concept, by adding a clause to the conditions of play, such as – “Only players with Active handicaps are eligible to win prizes.” Players with inactive handicaps can still play, (i.e. In order to register in a qualifying competition) but cannot win prizes. The reasoning behind this change is to manage those players who maintain their handicaps artificially high, by not playing in handicap qualifying competitions.

Please be advised that your committee may utilise this feature next season, in particular for match-plays and Clemitson rounds. So as a precaution, you are advised to compete this season in at least three qualifying competitions in order to ensure that your handicap is ‘Active’ for next season.

It has also come to light that a member entered a match-play prior to re-joining the club, and subsequently elected not to re-join. In order to prevent a re-occurrence of this, next season's match-play sign-ups will have the caveat that “unless subscription (including competition fees) are fully paid, then that member will be excluded from the competition.”

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