

Meole Brace Golf Club - Guide for Members



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1.0 Introduction

Meole Brace Golf Club - Shrewsbury (MBGC) is a members' club based at the Shropshire County Council (SCC) Municipal golf course of the same name. Hence, this is a pay and play club. i.e. There is a nominal annual fee to be a member of the Club including England Golf Union (EGU) affiliation fees and all members must pay SCC for their round on the day of play.

All members joining the Club shall be deemed to accept the terms of the Constitution and the Meole Brace Golf Club Rules in particular the section including the requirement to conduct themselves in accordance with any conduct rules, equality policy and disciplinary procedures.

Membership, which runs from 1st March to end of February, also entitles you to:

Membership of the England Golf Union (EGU),

Enter competitions (entry fee applicable),

Obtain an official Handicap Index

Attend Club functions e.g. away days and Club dinner,

Inclusive Personal Liability Insurance, details available in Associated Documents

A County Card offering reduced Green Fees at most clubs in England, Available in the proshop from March.

The Club has a Men's/Seniors' and a Ladies' sections. In general the Ladies section is self administrated, see the Constitution. Currently, this document only describes the Men's / Seniors'. Senior is defined as over 55 years.

All sections have reserved competition tee slots:

Monday AM - Ladies,

Tuesday AM - Seniors, Saturday AM

- Men.

Competitions are run every week for all sections and can be 12 or 18 holes depending upon conditions and details are published annually. (although subject to frequent changes due to Covid19)

Communication to Members is via:

Notice Board in Club house, (currently unavailable due to Covid-19)

E-mail, meolebracegc@gmail.com

WhatsApp,

Our Web Site www.meolebracegolfclub.co.uk ,

Master Scoreboard www.masterscoreboard.co.uk. (see below)

Membership Application form is available from the pro-shop, by email or download from our website.

Please consult the following in Associated Documents (emailed to new members) which are listed at the end of this document and also available on the Club web site.

2.0 How to get a Handicap Index

If you have recently been a member of another Club, then we can find your EG Membership Registration Number (previously called CDH number) and your handicap index which can be carried forward to our Club.

The England Golf Registration number will identify your Handicap & scoring record over the past 2 years from your previous club or clubs.

As a new member, you may not have ever had a handicap, or handicap index.

Hence, on joining MBGC, you will be awarded a EG Membership Registration Number and in order to enter Club Competitions you will need to obtain a WHS Handicap Index. (HI)

To attain your HI you will need to:-

1. Submit scores achieved in 54 holes of play (3 x 18 holes or 6 x 9 holes, or any combination.) played under R&A Rules
2. All scores must be certified by a marker who is a member of MBGC, and who has an HI that has been held for at least 4 months.
3. At least 18 holes of these submitted scores must be from playing alongside members in club organised competitions. You can reserve a place by booking into that competition field via Master Scoreboard (See Sect 3.0)
4. The other 36 holes non-competition score submissions must be returned either by the England Golf App or on a scorecard completed by your marker. The card should be clearly signed and dated by your marker and clearly marked at the top in the COMPETITION box ;-"Handicap submission for (your name)".
5. On the card, the Name of the Marker should be entered as "Player A" & Your name entered as "Player B" and both must be legibly printed.
6. All submissions should be posted together in the blue box in the shop and an email alert sent to meolebracegc@gmail.com "FTAO Handicap Secretary"
7. Please be aware that you may be asked to produce payment receipts for these rounds. If in doubt attach them to the cards.
8. You will be notified of your First Award Handicap Index
9. You may now enter competitions and apply for your County Card (England Course Discounts)
10. You can track your Handicap Index progress by consulting Master Scoreboard or <https://www.Englandgolf.org/my-account/>

3.0 How to enter a Competition

As stated in the Introduction, Competitions on our course are played on specific days of the week and at specific times when the Tees are reserved for us. Please note the number of entrants may be limited. The number of players per tee may vary and for some competitions start times may be drawn. (randomised)

Competitions are played under the Competition Rules and the Club's Competition Local Rules . See Associated Documents below.

Please read and familiarise yourself with the contents of these with regards attendance time, registration and payment.

To control competition entry and score submission, you must use "Master Scoreboard" on your Phone, Tablet or PC, see next section, Use of Master Scoreboard. (MSB) (Section 5) .

First you must "BOOK" a Tee slot on MSB and on completion of the round enter your agreed card, again via MSB, by choosing "SCORE ENTRY". This should be done by the time specified in the Competition Rules.

This is simple enough for an 18 hole competition, but BE AWARE, for a 12 hole game the following applies:

As 12 holes is not a recognised course length by EGU and WHS (Handicap Authority), we award prizes on the 12 hole scores, but for handicap adjustment we can only use the 9 holes score from that round. This means that for any Singles 12 hole Competition, there will also be a 9 hole competition in MSB and therefore having entered your 12 hole score, in addition you MUST return to MSB "SCORE ENTRY" and enter your 9 hole score.

Results will appear on MSB under RESULTS. Handicap changes are processed by EGU overnight.

Once results have been published, players should check on Master Scoreboard that their score was entered correctly and at the same time check any other card that you marked for another player. See Use of Master Scoreboard. (MSB) (Section 5)

Prizes are normally Trophies or Vouchers for the Pro-Shop.

For use of Master Scoreboard see sect 5.0

4.0 How to use your WHS Handicap Index

As of 2nd November 2020, the English Golf Union (EGU) has introduced a new handicapping methodology, namely World Handicapping System (WHS), based on the fact that all courses throughout the world are unique and have differing difficulties (Slope), depending upon the tees played, White, Yellow, Red, and Blue. At MBGC, the Blue Tees are nominally the WINTER MATS.

All Golf courses, in participating countries, have been assessed and allocated a SLOPE RATING. Alongside this, players are now awarded a personal HANDICAP INDEX based on the best 8 rounds out of their last 20. You will be informed of this via MasterScoreboard or EGU WHS web site.

It is a player's responsibility to know his Handicap index before he plays a round. Every golf course will prominently display it's unique HANDICAP TABLE .(see Associated Documents)

4.1 How do I find my COURSE HANDICAP for the day?

- a) Armed with your personal, up-to-date, Handicap index, confirm which colour tees will be played.
White/Yellow/Blue (Winter Mats)/Red (Ladies) for Competition rounds. For Social rounds use Yellow / Red / Blue only.
- b) On the Course HANDICAP INDEX Table, Cross-reference your Handicap index with the tees to be used to establish your handicap for the round.

5.0 Use of Master Scoreboard

5.1 To Access MasterScoreboard (there are 2 versions Desktop and Mobile)

Go to www.masterscoreboard.co.uk or www.meolebracegolfclub.co.uk on your pc, phone or Tablet

Search for MEOLE

Select: Meole Brace Golf Club [or Meole Brace (Ladies)]

Select: Your name from the dropdown list

If this is your first visit, create your own password:

Enter the password "driver13" and then create and enter a personal password of your choice twice.

If this is not your first visit, enter your personal password

You now have access to "Notices", "Results", competition "Bookings" and "Score Entry", and "Future Competitions"

For Competition Reserved times, e.g. 07.50 to 09.10, you are not required to book in with the shop, however you will need to pay in the shop for your round and the Competition entry fee before teeing off.

The **Ladies** section have their own password which is "putter84"

5.2 To Book a Competition place in Master Scoreboard (MSB) :-

Go to "Future Competitions" and choose the competition you require and click "Book" Click "Book" against an available slot. Your name is now entered. You may well be able to enter another member on the same tee as yourself from a drop down list of members. Please NOTE:- Open Bookings usually close the day before, but in the case of "Draws", 2 days before.

Once booked, you can remove yourself, provided bookings are still open. If bookings are closed, please call the shop and inform them you are not able to attend. This is only a courtesy to your playing partners.

5.3 To Enter your Score card into MSB:

Having double checked your card with a playing partner.

Go to Score Entry.

(The first time you try this you will be asked to agree to EGU use of data policy.) Click "Enter a Score" and select the competition you have just played.

You will be asked to identify the member who agreed your final score.

Enter your Scores and click SUBMIT. You cannot now change this entry. If there is an issue please report it to the Competition Secretary or email meolebracegc@gmail.com If you have played in a single's 12 hole competition, and this a qualifying round there will be a simultaneous 9 hole competition for handicap purposes, YOU MUST enter the 9 hole score from your round into this by returning to "Score Entry ", select the 9 hole competition and enter your score again. We do have a "WhatsApp" group to help with playing partners and queries, if you wish to join please let us know by email.

It does work well once you get the hang of it. If in doubt ask another member.

5.4 Competitions – Entering and Checking scores.

We are all well versed in the process of Player and Marker agreeing the scores entered on a competition card. The Player enters his score into Master Scoreboard (MSB) and once the results are published, the Player and the Marker should check the card as correct.

Any discrepancy should be reported to the Competition Committee or administrators.

I am sure we all accept that submitting a score lower than actually achieved will result in disqualification.

Rule 3.3b3

Frequent disqualifications for incorrect score may lead to handicap suspension for 1 month.

The Administrators do occasionally pick incorrect entries but can only do so in obvious situations such as a “hole-in-one”. This can only be done after results have been posted and so administrators cannot amend any scores after the time when scores are deemed to have been posted. We consider that we need to create methods to ensure competition results are properly validated. Although no system is foolproof we think this will help, and so ask all players to follow the process below.

What we propose:

Players and markers should continue to ensure cards are correct at the end of play.

Players should take care in entering their scores accurately into MSB.

Once the administrators have calculated and published the results,(usually before 6pm) they will no longer issue these results by email as has been the case in Seniors competitions.

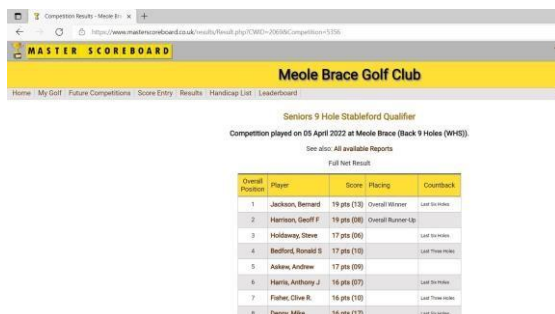
It is therefore incumbent on ALL players to look at the results in MSB and at this point double check their own card and that that of their marked player.

Any errors should be reported a.s.a.p. preferably before 10pm.

Card will NOT be corrected and anyone submitting scores lower than actually achieved will be disqualified.

How to check a player's card in MSB.

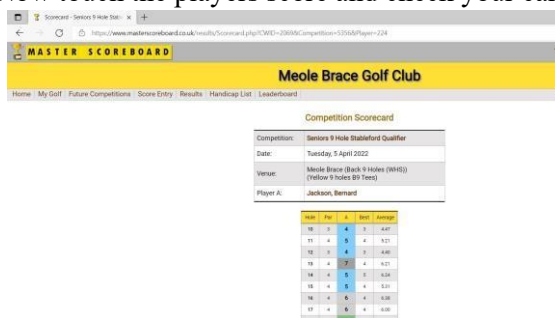
Login and go to Results for the Competition in question.



The screenshot shows the Master Scoreboard for Meole Brace Golf Club. The competition is the Seniors 9 Hole Stableford Qualifier, played on 05 April 2022 at Meole Brace (Back 9 Holes (WHIS)). The results table is as follows:

Overall Position	Player	Score / Placing	Countback
1	Jackson, Bernard	19 pts (73) Overall Winner	Last 50 holes
2	Harrison, Geoff F	19 pts (88) Overall Runner Up	
3	Holtway, Steve	17 pts (86)	Last 50 holes
4	Bedford, Ronald S	17 pts (10)	Last 50 holes
5	Astons, Andrew	17 pts (89)	
6	Harris, Anthony J	16 pts (87)	Last 50 holes
7	Fisher, Clive B.	16 pts (10)	Last 50 holes
8	Dennis, Mike	16 pts (11)	Last 50 holes

Now touch the players score and check your card and also any card you signed as checked.



The screenshot shows the Competition Scorecard for Player A, Jackson, Bernard, for the Seniors 9 Hole Stableford Qualifier on Tuesday, 5 April 2022. The venue is Meole Brace (Back 9 Holes (WHIS)) (Yellow 9 holes 80 Yards). The scorecard details are as follows:

Hole	Par	Score	Strokes	Score
1	4	3	4	4.47
2	5	4	4	5.21
3	4	3	4	5.46
4	5	4	4	5.71
5	4	5	5	6.24
6	4	4	4	5.51
7	4	4	4	5.58
8	5	4	4	6.08
9	4	3	4	6.44

Please help us to make our golf fair and above reproach.

6.0 Maintaining your Handicap Index

Your Handicap Index will be updated with every card submitted for a “home” round played in a handicap qualifying competition.

It can also be updated by using General Play Score Submissions: (See rules of handicapping)

General play scores can not only be pre-registered and then submitted at Meole Brace, but also from an away venue. The club have agreed that this can only be completed via the EG App & not by physical card submissions other than for exceptional circumstances agreed in advance with the Handicap Secretary. This is because EG requires General Play score submissions to be entered into the EG database on the day of play, which as our club is run by volunteers is not currently possible.

WHS Updates from EG are being emailed to all members from time to time. To receive these updates all members are strongly recommended to register a personal EG account via the EGU website.

As always any queries please ask any member of the committee or the Handicap Secretary.

7.0 Associated Documents – 1-8 Emailed to new members and available on the Club Website. If you cannot access these documents please email meolebracegc@gmail.com

1. MBGC – Constitution – Dec 2020 (Draft)
2. MBGC -The Rules - Part 1 - Containing: General and Membership rules (draft)
3. MBGC -The Rules - Part 2 – Containing: Competition Rules - Local Rules (draft)
4. Your Committee 2021
5. Club Data protection policy
6. 6. EGU WHS Privacy statement
7. Insurance Documents
8. Course Handicap Table (Meole Brace Only)
9. MBGC – A Guide for Members

Also available on the web site

10. Safeguarding Policy Procedures
11. New Member application form
12. Member annual renewal form