

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,

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 pro-shop 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 Covid-19)

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 CDH and your previous handicap which can be carried forward to our Club. If you lack the Competitive "c" marker please contact us on the email address below to discuss how the "c" can be reinstated. A non-competitive handicap means you can enter but not win any competitions

As a new member, **you may not have ever had a handicap, or your handicap may have elapsed some time ago.** i.e. over 6 months ago, in which case your EGU lifetime I.D. (CDH) will have elapsed and you will be issued with a new one.

CDH is a unique life time number allocated to all golfers with a maintained handicap. When playing on other courses or entering Open Competitions you may be asked to supply your CDH.

In both of these cases in order to obtain a First Award handicap, and CDH, you must:-

1. Submit cards to the club for a total of 54 holes (3 x 18 holes or 6 x 9 holes, or any combination.)
2. These rounds should be played on your home Club course, dated and countersigned by a current handicapped club member.
3. We would recommend that at least 27 of these holes be played alongside a club competition in a minimum of a 3 ball. Contact us by email as below to arrange.
4. Once you have the requisite number of cards: please Mark them "FOR HANDICAP" & "FAO handicap Secretary" : fasten them together and deposit them in the blue box in the Pro-shop
An email prompt to meolebracegc@gmail.com will alert to your request.
5. Please be aware that you may be asked to produce payment receipts for these rounds. If in doubt attach them to the cards.
6. You will be notified of your First Award handicap..
7. You may now enter competitions and apply for your County Card (England Course Discounts)
8. From 2nd Nov 2020, the EGU has introduced the World Handicap System, please see section 4.0
9. You can track your Handicap Index progress by consulting Handicap Master 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 entry and score submission, you use Master Scoreboard on your Phone, Tablet or PC, see next section, Use of Master Scoreboard. (MSB) .

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 CONGU (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 of competitions are calculated the same day and results emailed to participants. These will also appear on MSB under RESULTS. Handicap changes are processed by EGU overnight.

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

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 players 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 tee to be used to establish your handicap for the round.

5.0 Use of Master Scoreboard

5.1 To Access MasterScoreboard

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.

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 you 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.

Enter your Scores and click **SAVE. 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, there could well 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.

6.0 Maintaining your Handicap Index

Your Handicap Index will 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.

To post a general play score from any venue, a golfer is required to:

Pre-register the round with the host club. This can be done by simply telling the Pro/Club Manager of an intention to submit a score. Play and enjoy the round in accordance with the Rules of Golf and have the card marked by someone who holds a EG handicap Index ideally a member of Meole Brace Golf Club.

Ask the host club to enter the score on your behalf either into the WHS platform or their club software

If the host club at an 'away' venue cannot enter the score (for whatever reason) the player should return the card to their home club as soon as possible for them to enter into the WHS Platform.

Cards for home or away Pre Registered General Play score submission should be posted in the Blue box in our Pro-shop Shop and will be submitted to WHS ASAP.

A 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. EGU WHS Privacy statement
7. Insurance Documents
8. Course Handicap Table (Meole Brace Only)

Also available on the web site

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