

CONGU Decision 23/3/20

Following on from The R&A's guidance on the Rules of Golf issued on Friday 20 March

(<https://www.randa.org/en/news/2020/03/covid-19-related-guidance-on-the-rules-of-golf>) , CONGU has now discussed the implications for scores for handicap qualifying competitions and can confirm the following:

Flagsticks/Holes: If clubs have made the decision to modify the depth of the hole to allow players to remove the ball without touching the flagstick, scores will be acceptable for either competition or supplementary score purposes.

Bunkers: If clubs introduce a Local Rule to allow preferred lies in bunkers, scores will be acceptable for competition or supplementary score purposes. (Using Model Local Rule E-3)

Please note: The distance for preferred lies in the bunker is limited to 6 inches and the area cannot be smoothed before placing.

Alternatively, if the condition of bunkers is so poor that it interferes with the proper playing of the game, a club Committee may declare all bunkers to be Ground Under Repair, scores will be acceptable for competition or supplementary score purposes.

Note: These temporary provisions are applicable until further notice.