

Firstly, welcome to Brett Vale, we hope you enjoy our facilities and companionship. To help you settle in we have come up with the following sheet which we hope will explain how things work.

1) Obtaining your handicap

If you have moved from another club or left one no more than a year ago your handicap will be transferred, but you do need to inform the Brett Vale handicap sec (Keith Ribbans), of the club you came from and provide your DOB, your email address and if possible, your National identity or CDH number.

If you are new to golf you will need to submit 3 cards to obtain a handicap. They can be from a competition or general play but must detail the date played, the gross score on every hole, show the tees used and be marked by a fellow member. If you keep your cards until you have all 3, put them in an envelope with your name (as you want to be known), your DOB and email address on the front and give it in to the Proshop.

If you have played before but left your previous club more than a year ago follow the procedure for a new player above but also add the name of your previous club, date left, and handicap on leaving to the front of the envelope.

2) Registering with England golf and using their app MyEG

Once you have a handicap you will be able to follow your progress and see how your handicap is calculated by registering with England Golf. To do this sign on to www.Englandgolf.org/my-account/ and follow the instructions. You will need your CDH or national identity number which the handicap sec will give you when you get your new handicap. You can also create a short-cut to your account via

<https://www.members.whsplatform.Englandgolf.org/>

England Golf also have an app (MyEG) which you can download from the app store (it is the New Zealand Golf Network Ltd one with the England Golf red rose icon). This will allow you to calculate your course handicap at any English course, look at your handicap history and input general play scores (see Below).

3) The Brett Vale website

Brett Vale has a website <https://www.brettvalegolf.co.uk> which gives various useful information including a brief history of the club, club officials, course conditions and restrictions, future competitions etc. There is also a link through to MasterSoreboard see below.

4) Masterscoreboard

This is another way of giving you information on your own golf, including your handicap, and national ID number, competitions, competition results, the club handicap list, notices, and score entry. The first time you access it you will be asked for a password which is swannery, once entered correctly you will be asked to change it to something of your own choosing.

You can also access Masterscoreboard from your Mobile phone see the attached instructions on how to set this up.

5) General play scores

All players can use general play scores to add to their handicap record and make it more representative of the standard of golf they are currently playing. However, it is most useful for players who are not able to play in club competitions.

To prevent cherry picking of the scores you want to add to your record you must do 2 things. First you must register your intention of submitting a card for handicap BEFORE you play. Once you have 'signed in' you are

then obliged to input your score at the end of your round irrespective of how good or bad this score turns out to be.

This can all be done on both Masterscoreboard (for Brett Vale scores only) or the MyEG app where general play scores from any course in England can be entered.

6) Competitions

Brett Vale runs a mixed competition policy. Once you have a handicap you can enter in club competitions, these are currently run on most Sundays and on a Thursday once a month and are currently open all day, you arrange your own tee time and then on the day enter the competition in the Proshop. The entry fee is £4 of which £1 is for the ball sweep for 2's. Once you enter you are expected to return your scorecard at the end of the round irrespective of how well you played. Please post it in the handicap box at the bottom of the stairs in the club house. Competition results are put on the board at the club and are also available on Masterscoreboard.

It is important that if you run out of shots, or fail to hole out a hole, that you record it as NR or a zero whereas if for some reason you do not play the hole you record it as NP (not played). This is because NR and NP are treated differently for handicap purposes.

All winning money is added to your Brett Vale Account card and available to spend in the Proshop or Bar. Please note you are not able to win the first 2 competitions you enter. This is to allow your handicap to settle down and more fairly reflect your playing ability.

7) Seniors section

The senior's section is open free of charge to all members over the age of 55. Several competitions are run midweek which are restricted to seniors only. All senior's competitions are run in the same way as the main club competitions above.

In addition to these competitions the seniors run more sociable 'fun' games on a Tuesday morning between 7:15 and 10:00, entry is via the entry sheet on the senior's board and to encourage a more sociable environment you will be drawn a tee time and partners.

The section also plays several matches against other clubs' home and away, entry is open to all seniors (some clubs impose a handicap limit of 28) and the cost is normally less than £20 which includes a meal afterwards. Entry is via the sheets posted on the seniors notice board and it is expected that you will play in both home and away games.

8) Ladies section

While the ladies are encouraged to play in the mixed club competitions there is a Ladies section that plays on a Tuesday and Thursday and the ladies captain will personally contact all new ladies to welcome them to the club and personally inform them of what is available._

9) More informal groups

There are many more informal groups that play most days throughout the week and at the weekends, when there are no official competitions, each has their own competition format and rules, but all welcome new members. For further details on how to play in these please talk to the Brett Vale staff who will introduce you to the appropriate organisers.

10) Dos and don'ts on the course

HANDY THINGS TO KNOW TO HELP YOU ENJOY YOUR GOLF AT BRETT VALE

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For you and all our members to enjoy their golf at Brett we ask that you follow a few basic courtesies on the course.

Do not take trollies or buggies beyond the white lines in front of the greens.

Do not push trollies between the greens and the surrounding bunkers.

Look after the course by replacing divots, repairing pitch marks, and raking bunkers (when covid rules permit)

11) Local rules

The local rules that apply at Brett Vale are available on the noticeboard outside the proshop and on the Brett Vale web site.

12) Forgotten passwords

If you forget your password for either England golf or MasterScoreboard they can be reset by a member of the Brett Vale committee, please tell the Pro staff of your problem and they will get someone to resolve it.

Most importantly enjoy your golf at Brett and if you have any other questions, please just ask a member of staff.