Many golfers are older people who play for recreational and low-impact exercise purposes. However, joint replacement (JR) in older players is common, raising their concern over resuming the activity. Joint replacement does not hamper older golfers from returning to the sport albeit with a slight reduction in the level of play.

Impact of JR on level of play was assessed in players with a valid Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN) number who underwent JR procedures. The mean age at time of JR was 66.8 years. Among the procedures, 50 (41.7%) were for hips and 70 (58.3%) for knees. The impact of joint replacement on level of play was assessed by measuring handicap differential and plays per month before and after JR. An average of 62 days was required to return to play after JR.