

# TERMS OF COMPETITION

## Men's Section Competitions 2024

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The following General Terms of Competition apply at China Fleet Country Club (CFCC), for Men's Section Competitions, in accordance with the Rules of Golf, Committee Procedures, R&A Rules section 5A.

Additional conditions may apply for specific competitions.

Note: Where the term Committee is used, it refers to CFCC Men's Captain, Men's Competition Secretary, Golf Management, or any person responsible for organising a competition.

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## 1. ELIGIBILITY

### Membership Categories

All current male members (including junior males) registered at CFCC with a valid Handicap Index and of amateur status are eligible to play in all Men's competitions. Only those members who have CFCC as their "Home" club are eligible for Club Championships Trophies.

CFCC Golfers who maintain a handicap and are registered on a PGA training course can play club golf under PGA training golf management

### 1 Eligibility Definition:

1. **All Men's Section Events:** Members must have submitted **at least 3 qualifying competition cards on WHS** in the 12 months prior to the event.
2. **Club Championship:** Members must have submitted **3 competition qualifying cards specifically at China Fleet Country Club (CFCC)** in the 12 months prior to the event.

### Eligibility Summary

To ensure fairness and consistency in all CFCC Men's Section competitions, the following rules apply:

1. **Eligibility for Trophies in All Men's Section Events:**  
To qualify for a trophy in any Men's Section competition, members are required to have submitted **a minimum of 3 qualifying competition cards** under the WHS system within the 12 months leading up to the event. This ensures participants have demonstrated recent and consistent playing activity.
2. **Eligibility for Club Championship Trophies:**  
To be eligible for trophies in the Club Championship, members must have submitted **3 qualifying competition cards specifically at China Fleet Country Club (CFCC)** within the preceding 12 months. Demonstrating a commitment to participating in club-hosted competitions.
3. **New Members or Initial Handicap Allocation:**  
Members who are in the process of establishing an initial handicap index must submit scores from **54 holes of golf** (any combination of 9- or 18-hole rounds). However, these rounds do **not** count toward the 3 required qualifying competition cards for trophy eligibility.

### Definition of Qualifying Events

The definition provided outlines the various types of qualifying competitions within the China Fleet Men's Golf Section.

1. **All Men's Sanctioned Club Competitions:** This refers to any official golf tournaments or events organised by the China Fleet Men's Golf Section that are open to male members of the club.
2. **All Seniors Qualifying Competitions:** This specifically pertains to qualifying competitions designated for senior male golfers within the China Fleet Men's Golf Section
3. **CFCC Organised Roll-Ups Wed-Sat:** Roll-ups still serve as opportunities for members to improve their skills and qualifying cards for more competitive events.
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3. **CFCC Organised Roll-Ups (Wed & Sat):**  
Roll-up events organised by the club, which count toward qualifying competition cards while providing members an opportunity to improve their skills in a casual, yet competitive environment.
4. **All CFCC Organised Qualifying Events:**  
Any official qualifying events held and organised by China Fleet Country Club, played at CFCC.

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#### Definition of a Competition Card under WHS

A **Competition Card** under the World Handicap System (WHS) refers to a scorecard submitted by a player in a competition that:

1. Reflects an **acceptable score** from a WHS-authorised format of play.
2. Adheres to the provisions set out within **Rule 2 of the Rules of Handicapping**.
3. Is recorded during an official CFCC qualifying event, as outlined above, and is verified in accordance with WHS standards.

**Note:** Scores submitted for initial handicap allocation do not count as Competition Cards under WHS, as they are not part of sanctioned competitions.

Competitions also include:

- Individual and Team Stroke play and Stableford competitions including Trophy Competitions [1] [2] [3]
- Weekend/Weekday Roll-up competitions
- Summer Match play competitions [1] [4]
- Winter Series [1] [2] [3]
- League and Inter-club matches organised by the Cornwall Golf Union (CGU) and Plymouth Area League. CGU and PAL also have their own regulations on eligibility that also must be met.
- Individual county or national competitions where entry was based upon club competition results. E.g. Daily Mail Foursomes, CGU Lord Lieutenants Trophy etc.
- Other team matches, e.g. Men's, & Mixed friendlies, St. Piran's Cup

[1] Major stroke play, Stableford and match play competitions are listed in Appendix A

[2] Eligibility to win any trophy in Major stroke play or Stableford competitions is subject to being a current member and having submitted at least 3 Competition Cards on WHS in the 12 months before the date of the competition.

[3] In Pairs and Team Major stroke play competitions that are subject to a draw for pairs/teams, members that are not eligible to win the trophy will be paired/teamed up together.

[4] Entry to Summer Match Play competitions is subject to having submitted at least 3 Competition cards on WHS in the 12 months before the date of playing the first match in the competition.

[5] Acceptable Score is defined as a score from an authorized format of play which meets all the provisions set out within Rule 2 of the Rules of Handicapping. Refer to Appendix D for further information. Scores submitted for initial handicap allocation do not count towards the 3 Acceptable Scores within the previous 12 months.

Note:

Flexi-Golf and 5 Day members are required to pay the applicable green fees for all entered competitions that they wish to play outside of their membership terms.

Exceptions to this are:

Members with a 5-day membership may participate in 5 specified events:

Captain's Day

Anniversary Plate

Club Championship x 2

## 2. COMPETITION ENTRY

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Entry to all competitions is subject to having a valid WHS Handicap Index and those limitations set out in Section 1.

New golfers who have not previously held an official handicap are required to submit scores from 54 holes of golf to obtain an initial Handicap Index. This may consist of any mix of 9 hole or 18-hole cards, though the preference is for 3 x 18-hole scores. Scores submitted for initial handicap allocation do not count towards the 3 Acceptable Scores within the previous 12 months.

Note: Roll-ups (weekend or weekday) count as initial 3 competition cards and entry fees are applicable, and prizes can be won.

Please make it known to the Golf Management staff and Men's Competition Secretary if you are playing any of your initial 3 competition rounds in a Trophy competition and you will not be charged an entry fee.

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### 2.1 Stroke Play and Stableford Competitions

All Stroke Play and Stableford competitions have reserved tee times in the computerised timesheet. (Clubv1, Howdidido). Exceptions to this include Roll-up competitions when entrants may book any casual tee time for that day.

Designated competition tee times may only be used by members playing in the competition. Exception to this rule is only to be granted by Golf Management Team, who are to inform Men's Captain and Competition Secretary beforehand. Anyone occupying such a tee time will be charged the appropriate competition entry fee.

Exception: members wishing to submit cards for initial handicap allocation, members submitting their first 3 competition cards and members marking a card for another player may play in the designated competition tee times and will not be charged an entry fee.



### Weekend Competitions (Not Roll Ups):

- There are generally reserved tee times from 0700 to 13:00, daylight permitting. Competition play is not allowed outside of the reserved times. (0800 – 1200 for Winter)
- Enter the draw using 'Booking' Feature in Howdido for the applicable competition. Entry will open a minimum 22 days before the competition date.
- Enter by phone from 21 days before competition date by calling Pro Shop.
- The draw is finalised, and entry is closed 2 days prior to the competition start
- Payment on arrival and registration on the day.
- Tee times are selected and allocated upon entry. Where gaps are identified (e.g. to provide marker, group sizes or to free up tee times at end of the day) and to keep the field on a steady pace of play, players times may be changed up to three tee slots before or afterwards. This will be done only on a case-by-case basis by Golf Management. Members will be informed prior to the day and again upon registration.
- Entry after the draw has been made is allowed on a case-by-case basis, but this is only to be done by exception. This can only be done by calling the Golf Management. Where entrants cannot be paired with a marker, they may still play in the competition but cannot receive prizes and will pay no entry fee and their card will not be an authorized form of scoring.
- Players are not to change from their allocated tee time and play at an earlier or later time, unless authorised by Competition Secretary or instructed to do so by Pro Shop staff.

Exception: at the discretion of the Pro-Shop staff, players may have their tee time moved to accommodate the sharing of a buggy, or to maintain balanced groups when other players have withdrawn from the competition. In any event, players must have a marker as per Appendix C.

### 2.2 Team Matches against other clubs

Members with a valid Handicap Index and eligible as per Section 1.

League and Inter-club matches organised by the Cornwall Golf Union (CGU) and Plymouth Area League Matches (PAL)

In matches played at CFCC it is the responsibility of the Organiser/Team Captain to ensure that the names of the home players are recorded, and all hospitality arrangements are made. It is the team Captain's responsibility to ensure that all selected team members meet any/all eligibility criteria of the respective competitions.

### 2.3 Time of Starting

All competitors in singles competitions and at least 1 competitor in team competitions must report to the Pro Shop and must have paid the appropriate entry fee before playing.

Competitors must be on the allotted tee and ready to commence play, 5 minutes before the allotted starting time. The penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification except that if a player arrives at the allotted tee ready to play within 5 minutes after the starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of two strokes at the first hole (stroke play) or loss of first hole (match play). If the Committee decides that exceptional circumstances prevented the player from starting on time, there is no penalty.

Where the starting time of a competition is deferred due to closure of the course arising from adverse weather conditions, the time sheet will stand from when the course is opened. Any player who has lost their tee time due to the course closure may play at the next available tee time.

*A “No Show” is defined as a player not attending a pre-drawn competition without prior notification. Players are required to contact the Pro-shop, as well as their playing partner(s) normally 24 hours prior to the competition. If a player is a “No Show” for a competition, then they will not be able to enter the following 2 competitions. Persistent offenders to this rule may also have their handicap suspended, for an appropriate period. The Men’s Section captain has discretion to this rule in the event of unexpected circumstances on a case-by-case basis.*

## 2.4 Suspension of Play

### **Due to adverse Course or Weather conditions**

Deciding when to suspend play due to adverse course or weather conditions is the responsibility of the Golf Management, Men’s Captain, and Competition Secretary

Exception: A player may stop play if he or she reasonably believes there is danger from lightning but must report to the Committee as soon as possible.

Guidance on stopping and resuming play is provided in the Rules of Golf, Committee Procedures, section 6E.

- No competitor can make their own decision that the course is unplayable. They can bring the matter to the attention of the Committee who will carry out an inspection. If the Committee decide the course is unplayable the competition will be suspended.
- A player that is not able to complete their round when play is resumed after a suspension will have their entry fee refunded.
- If less than 50% of entrants are able to complete their round the competition will be abandoned, and all entry fees will be refunded.
- A player leaving the course when play has not been suspended by the Committee will be disqualified and will not have their entry fee refunded unless the competition is subsequently abandoned.
- When the terms of a competition make scores acceptable for handicap purposes and a player played at least 10 holes prior to the suspension or abandonment of an 18-hole competition (or played all 9 holes of a 9-hole competition), the scores must be submitted for handicap purposes.

### **Due to Illness, Injury or Other Reason**

If a player becomes unwell or injured during the round and cannot continue or has to leave the course for any other reason determined to be valid by the Committee, the player’s score will be excluded from the Competition.



When the terms of a competition make scores acceptable for handicap purposes and a player played at least 10 holes prior to discontinuing play, the scores must be submitted for handicap purposes.

## 2.5 Entry Fees and Prizes

### Entry Fee

Unless published prior to an event or specified in Section 9.1 for a specific competition, the entry fee to all competitions is £5.00 per person. This is for all events whether individual or team; Strokeplay, Stableford or Matchplay.

### Prizes

Unless published prior to an event or specified in Section 9.1 for a specific competition, for competitions that have multiple divisions (including roll ups) the prize fund will be split from the total prize pot of each division separately as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	45%
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	30%
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	15% (or entry fee returned, whichever is greater)
4 <sup>th</sup> place	10% (or entry fee returned, whichever is greater)

### Lowest Gross Score Prize

For all CFCC Men's Section sanctioned events, there will be a prize awarded to the player with the lowest gross score.

- The winner of the lowest gross score will receive a medal as recognition for their achievement.

This ensures recognition of outstanding gross scoring performance in all Medal events.

## 3. FORMAT AND HANDICAP ALLOWANCE

### Rules of Golf

Competitions are played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and the CFCC Local Rules. All who play or mark scorecards in competitions are expected to be familiar with both. An abridged version of the Local Rules is printed on the back of the scorecard.

Temporary Local Rules are displayed on the noticeboard at 1<sup>st</sup> tee.

The use of Distance Measuring Devices is allowed (Without slope guidance measurements)

The use of Motorised Transportation (buggies) is allowed.

The use of Caddies is allowed.

## Handicaps

The use of World Handicap System (WHS) handicaps and allowances is mandatory for all competitions.

## Handicap Allowance

Refer to Appendix B for Handicap Allowances.

## Handicap Limits

There are no handicap limits for entering club competitions and winning Divisional prizes.

Club Championships have handicap restrictions on winning the divisional trophies. Refer to Section 9.1 further details.

- For competitions that are played over 2 rounds on the same day or on 2 consecutive days, players will play the entire competition with the handicap as at the first round of the competition.
- When prizes are awarded based on results across two or more separate individual competitions not on the same day or 2 consecutive days (such as the Tamar Trophy, Hudson's Shield), players will play with the current handicap applicable on the day of play.

Note: England Golf guidance is that when there is a handicap limit on entry to a competition, permitting players to play from a lower handicap than their entitlement is permitted, though contrary to the spirit of handicapping and not recommended. The full Course Handicap must be used for handicapping purposes and the restricted handicap is simply for competition result purposes.

## Teeing Areas

In general:

- Men's competitions are played from white tees in the summer and green tees in the winter
- Roll-Up competitions are played from yellow tees in summer, green tees in winter.
- Mixed competitions are played from white tees for men, red tees for ladies
- The Men's Trophy Competitions (listed in Appendix B) are played from the white tee markers

## Competition Divisions

When results in singles competitions are calculated in Divisions, the following splits are used:

	Playing Handicap
Division 1	up to 12
Division 2	13 to 19
Division 3	20 and above

For Roll-Ups and other competitions with a low number of entrants, results may be calculated as all in the same division within the following guidelines:

- Less than 20 entries – one division only
- 20 -40 entries – Half the field to be split evenly into two divisions, based upon playing handicap, with maximum playing handicap of 15 for Division 1. If there is an uneven number for the split based upon multiple entries with same handicap e.g. 9 players on 14 handicaps would cause 23 players in Division 1, these players are to be placed in Division 1 irrespective of scores and number of entries in division 2.
- 41 entries or more – As per Trophy Competition Division split above, with a minimum of 15 players in division 1 and 2. If there are less than 15 per division, all players with the next lower playing handicap are to be promoted to the division that was under-subscribed. This process to be carried out more than once if required to ensure division 1 and 2 have a minimum of 15 players. There is no minimum for division 3.

Note: All weekend and weekday roll-ups are 2 divisions only, with Max playing handicap of 15 for Division 1.

All team competitions are single division.

The published results sheets generated in Club V1 and published on Howdidido show Playing Handicaps.

### **Practice**

A player may practise on the course (on the day) before a round or between rounds of a **Match Play** competition only.

A player must not practise on the course before a round on the day of a Stroke Play/Stableford competition.

A player must not practise on the course between rounds of a Stroke Play competition when the rounds are played on the same day.

Exception: A player may practise putting or chipping:

- Practise putting/chipping area adjacent to the first tee
- Practise short game/chipping area between 9<sup>th</sup> green and 10<sup>th</sup> tee within boundary markers
- The putting green of the hole just completed
- The teeing area of the next hole

But such practice strokes must not be made from a bunker and must not unreasonably delay play.

### **3.1 Winter Competitions**

The only competition deemed a 'Winter' competition is the Winter Series, known as the Tamar Trophy. The Tamar trophy is a series of 8 competitions that span from October through March. Although this is partly team format, the trophy is for an individual, allowing players to have alternate/differing partners for each event.

For competition details and Tamar Trophy scoring, refer to Section 9 and Appendix G.

## 4. OTHER FORMS OF PLAY

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### 4.1 Alternative Scoring Methods

#### **Stableford**

A player's or side's score for a hole is based on points awarded by comparing the number of strokes to a fixed target score for the hole, and the competition is won by the player or side who scores the most points:

Net Bogey	1 point
Net Par	2 points
Net Birdie	3 points
Net Eagle	4 points
Net Albatross	5 points

To help pace of play, players are encouraged to stop playing a hole when it becomes apparent that they will not be able to hole out in less than Net Double Bogey (based on the player's Course Handicap).

### 4.2 Team Formats

#### **Foursomes**

Two partners play one ball in alternating order. Player A takes the tee shot on all the odd numbered holes and Player B takes the tee shot on all the even numbered holes.

See Rules of Golf, Rule 22 for further information.

#### **Greensomes**

A variation of Foursomes where both partners play from the teeing area and one of the two tee shots is selected. The partner whose tee shot was not selected plays the next stroke and each subsequent stroke is made in alternating order until the ball is holed.

#### **Four-ball**

Also known as Betterball. Two partners (in either match play or stroke play) play their own ball. The side's score for a hole is the best score of the two on that hole.

See Rules of Golf, Rule 23 for further information.

#### **Texas Scramble**

Played in teams of 2, 3 or 4. All play from the teeing area on each hole, one of the tee shots is selected and all play their second shots from that spot. One of the second shots is then selected, and all play their third shots from that spot, and so on until the ball is holed. A minimum number of tee shots of each team member must be used, usually 3 or 4 in teams of 4.

There are several variations on the scramble format, e.g. Florida Scramble and Texas Shamble. See Appendix F for guidelines on running Scramble competitions.

## 5. RETURNING THE SCORECARD

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### 5.1 Marker's Responsibilities

A player's scorecard must be marked by a fellow competitor or a marker appointed by the Committee.

After each hole, the marker should confirm with the player the number of strokes on that hole and enter that gross score on the scorecard.

After the round, the marker must certify the hole scores by signing the scorecard. If the player had more than one marker, each marker must certify the scores for those holes where they were the marker, but if one of the markers saw the player play all the holes, that marker may certify the scores for all the holes.

### 5.2 Player's Responsibilities

During the round, the player should keep track of his or her scores for each hole. After the round, the player should check the scores entered by the marker. The player must not change a hole score entered by the marker except with the marker's agreement.

The player should ensure that their name, the date, and the competition name are recorded before signing the scorecard and promptly returning it to the Committee, after which the player must not change the scorecard. Scorecards returned with a hole score lower than the actual hole score will lead to disqualification; see Rules of Golf, Rule 3.3b.

Any disputes or clarifications regarding the Rules of Golf should be raised with the Pro-Shop Staff, Men's Captain, or Competition Secretary before returning the scorecard.

- While not mandatory, it assists the Committee if the player's handicap and (in Stableford) the holes where handicap strokes are received, along with the points scored on each hole are recorded on the scorecard.
- However, if there is a mistake in showing or applying a handicap, or if there is a mistake in adding up the scores, there is no penalty.

### 5.3 Holes Not Completed

For handicap purposes, holes where a gross score is not entered are recorded as Net Double Bogey for determining the Score Differential on the player's Scoring Record.

Note: Net Double Bogey is determined using the player's Course Handicap, not the player's Playing Handicap. For example, a player with a Course Handicap of 18 playing in an individual Stableford competition receives 17 strokes (using 95% Handicap Allowance). When playing the Stroke Index 18 hole, which is a par 3, the player would not receive a handicap stroke, so:

3 strokes = 2 points, 4 strokes = 1 point, 5+ strokes = 0 points

If they do not hole out, their Scoring Record will show 3 (par) + 1 (h/c stroke) + 2 (double bogey) = 6, even though they may have been able to hole out for 5. For this reason, players should endeavour to hole out for net bogey (based on Course Handicap) even when they can't score any points on the hole.

## 5.4 Holes Not Played

For handicap purposes, holes not played for a valid reason are recorded as follows for determining the Score Differential on the player's Scoring Record:

- In a 9-hole round, all holes must be played for a 9-hole score to be submitted
- In an 18-hole round, at least 10 holes must be played for the score to be submitted
- With effect from April 2024: an Expected Score for each hole not played is determined based on a statistical calculation for a player of given Handicap Index playing on a course of standard difficulty.

## 5.5 Returning of Scores

### How to submit Competition Scores

Unless otherwise stated, Competition Scores are to be entered into the computer via the PSI screen as follows:

1. At Pro Shop - Register and Sign in for the competition before starting your round
2. After the round enter your scores through the PSI screen
3. Post your scorecard in the appropriate place as soon as possible after the finishing your round.

Tips: When using the PSI screen for better-ball competitions (including 4BBB, scramble etc)

- Make sure the names on your scorecard are in the same order as the team that you registered - it makes score entry much easier!
- Enter a score for all players on each hole so that the cursor automatically drops down to the next hole (enter zero if they didn't hole out)

### Unless otherwise specified:

- As soon as possible after the round, the player should enter his or her scores for each hole into the computer via the PSI screen and post the scorecard in the designated place, usually the box underneath the score entry screen. The scorecard is considered 'returned' as soon as this is done.
- The deadline for returning scores is on the day of play.
- Scores must be returned even if the round or any holes have not been completed. Where appropriate, the Committee will calculate an adjusted gross score for the holes not completed.
- A fundamental principle of the Handicap system is that the player will make every effort to score his/her best in each round. All of a player's scores are taken into account when the Handicap Reviews are done, and it is important that No Returns reflect the actual performances of the player. Entering no score at every hole distorts this and makes additional work for the Handicap Committee.



## 5.6 Failure to Return Scores

Failure to return scorecards and/or failure to enter scores via the PSI screen, Howdidido, or any other method required by the Committee without good reason may result in the Committee applying a Penalty Score to the player's scoring Record. For more persistent offences, a player may lose the right to compete in Club Competitions for a specified period or have their handicap suspended for an appropriate period.

Note: if the scores entered in the computer by the player differ from those on the scorecard, the scores on the scorecard are deemed to be the scores returned. Accidentally entering an incorrect score on the computer will not lead to disqualification.

## 6. HOW TIES ARE DECIDED

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When two or more competitors are tied, countback is used to determine finishing positions.

In Medal, Gross Score (Scratch) competitions where no Stroke Index allocation is used, a proportion of each player's handicap is deducted from the gross score for the holes being considered, e.g. one-half for 9 holes, one-third for 6 holes, one-sixth for 3 holes, etc.

In Stableford and Better-Ball competitions where Stroke Index allocation is used, handicap strokes are applied consistently with how they were applied for the competition.

The competitions software (Club V1) is set up to process results as described above.

### 6.1 18-hole competitions

The winner in a tie is the player with the best score for the back 9 holes on the scorecard (irrespective of starting hole), then the last 6, last 3 and last 1. If a tie is not resolved on the back 9, the count-back continues on the last 6, 3, and 1 on the front 9.

### 6.2 Partial Rounds processed on the computer

In competitions played over less than 18 holes that are processed with the competition software, countback is still applied as if it was an 18-hole competition. For example, in a 16-hole competition missing out (say) the 17th and 18th holes or the 14th and 15th holes:

- Back 9 still refers to holes 10 to 18, even though some of the holes were not played
- Back 6 still refers to holes 13 to 18, and so on

### 6.3 Partial Rounds not processed on the computer

In competitions played over less than 18 holes that are not processed with the competition software, countback is applied as follows:

17 holes	back 9-6-3-1, then the last 6-3-1 on the front 8
16 holes	back 8-6-3-1, then the last 6-3-1 on the front 8
15 holes	back 8-6-3-1, then the last 6-3-1 on the front 7
14 holes	back 7-5-3-1, then the last 5-3-1 on the front 7

13 holes	back 7-5-3-1, then the last 5-3-1 on the front 6
12 holes	back 6-4-2-1, then the last 4-2-1 on the front 6
11 holes	back 6-4-2-1, then the last 4-2-1 on the front 5
10 holes	back 5-4-2-1, then the last 4-2-1 on the front 5

## 7. WHEN THE RESULT IS FINAL

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Players are responsible for ensuring that they promptly return their Scorecards after completing their round.

Cards are to be returned and entered on the day of the competition/ event for determining of prize winners.

The result of a competition is final when prizes have been given out at a presentation and/or posted on Howdidido.

If an issue arises after the publication of the results which warrants the disqualification of a prize winner under the Rules of Golf, Rule 20.2e or by virtue of an administrative error, a new result will be published.

## 8. CHANGING THE TERMS

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The Terms of the Competition set out the structure of the competition and once a competition has started, the terms will only be altered in very exceptional circumstances.

Since players begin a round with the expectation that a certain number of holes will be played and may base their play on that, the number of holes to be played in a round should not be changed once that round has started. For example, if bad weather results in play being suspended after all the players have completed 9 holes of an 18-hole round, the Committee should not announce the results based on only 9 holes.

If circumstances such as bad weather affect the number of rounds that can be played in the time available, the number of rounds to be played, or number of holes in any rounds not yet started, may be altered to accommodate the circumstances. Similarly, if those circumstances mean the planned format cannot be accommodated in the time available, the format of the competition may be changed.

## 9. TERMS FOR SPECIFIC COMPETITIONS

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Competitions open to eligible members in accordance with Section 1 and 2, except for the Club Championships whereas a Minimum of 3 CFCC Competition Cards must be entered on WHS 12 months prior the closing date. If you do not qualify you will not be eligible to enter.

## Monthly Medals

Played throughout the summer season.

Individual Strokeplay. White tees. 95% Handicap Allowance. Entry and prizes as per Section 2.5

A Medal will be presented to the player with the lowest overall Gross score for each Medal Competition.

## Monthly Stablefords

Played throughout the summer season.

Individual Stableford scoring. White tees. 95% Handicap Allowance. Entry and prizes as per Section 2.6

## Club Championships

CFCC Club Championship is held over two 18-hole Strokeplay rounds over two days (Saturday/Sunday). Day one is open to all eligible members to enter, Day 2 is limited to sixty (60) entrants by qualification from day one, split (in order of priority) as follows:

Top 20 Best Gross Score

Top 40 Best Nett Score (those not included in Gross calculations)

An allowance for a minimum of six players with a playing handicap over 20 is given in order that they can compete in day 2 for the Brunel Cup. This allowance is taken from the 40 nett positions. If six (20 and above playing handicap) players do not qualify then they will be promoted at the detriment of those qualified under their nett score up until six entrants are placed.

Day 2 tee times will be in order of highest qualifying net scores from day 1 teeing off first, moving through the field with the gross score qualifiers playing later, with the best gross scores from day 1 playing last.

Handicap Allowance of 95% Playing Handicap, White tees. Day 2 handicap is same as Day 1, irrespective of day 1 score.

Trophies

3 Trophies are awarded:

Greyburn Cup – Awarded to the lowest aggregate gross score over two 18-hole rounds using handicaps as at the 1st round.

The Flying Witch – Awarded to the lowest aggregate nett score over two 18-hole rounds using handicaps as at the 1st round.

Brunel Cup – Awarded to the highest aggregate calculated Stableford score over two 18-hole rounds using handicaps as at the 1st round for entrants with 20+ playing handicap.

(Note that this is 20 and above playing handicap and spans the divisional structure as per section 2)

Note, entrants cannot win multiple trophies. (e.g. lowest gross score cannot win lowest nett)

In the event of a tie, the winner is determined by the lowest gross score in the 2nd round, then on count-back over the back 9, back 6, back 3, etc. of the 2nd round.

Entry fee is £5 on Saturday only. No entry fee on Sunday.

Prize vouchers are awarded for:

- Divisional scores on Day 1 only as per section 2.
- Day 2 - Trophy Winners and runners up.

The winner of the Greyburn Cup will be classified as Club Champion.

The winners of Greyburn Cup and The Flying Witch will qualify and represent China Fleet Country Club for all qualifying representative tournaments for the following 12 months.

### **Hong Kong Cup**

Individual Strokeplay, 95% Playing Handicap Allowance. White tees. 3 Divisions Entry Fee and prizes as per section 2.5

The trophy is awarded to the lowest Net score irrespective of Division.

### **Spring Team Challenge**

2 Man Texas scramble, 35% Low Handicap, 15% High Handicap. Strokeplay. White tees. Entry Fee and prizes as per Section 2.5

### **Anniversary Plate**

Individual Strokeplay, 95% Playing Handicap Allowance. White tees. 3 Divisions Entry Fee and prizes as per section 2.5

The trophy is awarded to the lowest Net score irrespective of Division.

### **Dragon's Trophy**

2-man team Betterball (Fourball), Stableford, 85% Playing Handicap Allowance. White tees. 1 division only. Entry Fee and prizes as per section 2.5

### **China Fleet Trophy Day**

Individual Stableford, 95% Playing Handicap Allowance. White tees. 3 Divisions, Entry Fee, and prizes as per section 2.5. Three trophies are awarded for the day:

Kelly Salver – Winner of Division 1

Elliot Bowl – Winner of Division 2

Hickman Shield – Winner of Division 3.

### **Greenkeepers Cup**

Individual Stableford, 95% Playing Handicap Allowance. White tees. 1 Division, Entry Fee, and prizes as per section 2.5.

### **Nelson's Trophy**

4 Man Team event, Stableford, 75% playing handicap. White tees. 1 division. Entry and prizes as per section 2.5.

#### **Scoring**

Best 2 players score to count on holes 1 through 6.

Best 3 players score to count on holes 7 through 12.

All 4 players scores count holes 13 through 18.

The trophy is awarded to highest Stableford scoring team.

### **Captain's Trophy**

Individual Stableford, 95% Playing Handicap Allowance. White tees. 3 Divisions, Entry Fee, and prizes as per section 2.5.

The trophy is awarded to the highest Stableford score irrespective of Division.

### **Hawtree Cup**

Two Man Team Foursomes Strokeplay, 50% of team combined handicap allowance, white tees, 1 Division. Entry Fee and prizes as per section 2.5.

### **Turkey Trot (Non Vetted Competition 3 card rule does not apply)**

Two Man Team Betterball (Fourball), Stableford, 85% Playing Handicap Allowance. Yellow tees. 1 division only. Entry Fee as per section 2.5 prizes will be advertised prior to the event. These events are both Shotgun start.

### **Hudson's Shield (Golfer of the year)**

The Hudson Shield is awarded for the outstanding golfer of the summer season. All-encompassing fixtures and scoring are at Appendix G.

### **Trophy Presentations.**

All trophy presentations will be carried out at the completion of Turkey Trot. This is the official presentation day for all trophies.

Trophies are always kept in the trophy cabinet. Players may request release of trophy for short periods of time. These requests are to be done via Men's Section Secretary.

## APPENDICES

### Appendix A: Men's Section Major Competitions

Trophy Name	Competition	Format	Individual or Team	Handicap Allowance
Tamar Trophy	Winter Better Ball Competition	Stableford	Multi Format across 8 Competitions	Various
Hong Kong Cup	Hong Kong Cup	Medal	Individual	95%
Anniversary Plate	Anniversary Plate	Medal Div 1 and 2 – Stableford Div 3 and above	Individual	95%
Dragon's Trophy	Dragons Trophy	Pairs Better Ball Stableford	2 Man Team	85%
Greyburn Cup Flying Witch Brunel Cup	Club Championships	Medal	Individual	95%
Kelly Salver Elliot Bowl Hickman Shield	China Fleet Trophy Day	Stableford	Individual	95%
Greenkeepers Trophy	Greenkeepers Cup	Stableford	Individual	95%
Nelsons Trophy	Nelsons Trophy	2 score on first 6, the 3 score 7-12, 4 score on 13-18 hole	4 Man Team Event	75%
Captains Cup	Captains Trophy	Stableford	Individual	95%
Hawtree Cup	The Hawtree Cup	Foursomes Strokeplay	2 Man Team	

- Eligible members as per Section 1.
- In Pairs/Team Major stroke play competitions that are subject to a draw for pairs/teams, members that are not eligible to win the trophy will be paired/teamed up together.

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### PLAYING HANDICAP: MANDATORY ALLOWANCES TABLE

FORMAT OF PLAY	TYPE OF ROUND	MANDATORY HANDICAP ALLOWANCE
STROKEPLAY	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Fourball	85%
	Fourball Stableford	85%
	Fourball Par/Bogey	90%
MATCHPLAY	Individual	100%
	Fourball	90%
STROKEPLAY	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Pinehurst/Chapman	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Best 1 of 4 Stroke Play	75%
	Best 2 of 4 Stroke Play	85%
	Best 3 of 4 Stroke Play	100%
	All 4 of 4 Stroke Play	100%
	Scramble (4 players)	"25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap"
	Scramble (2 players)	35% low/15% high
	Total score of 2 match play	100%
	Best 1 of 4 Par/Bogey	75%
	Best 2 of 4 Par/Bogey	80%
	Best 3 of 4 Par/Bogey	90%
	4 of 4 Par/Bogey	100%

[1] It is recommended that short-handed teams in Scramble competitions receive an extra stroke allowance by including a "ghost" player with a Course Handicap of 20.

## Appendix C: Acceptable Scores

A score is acceptable for handicap purposes if it meets all the provisions set out in Rule 2 of the Rules of Handicapping. These provisions include that the round must be:

- In an authorized format of play over 9 holes for a 9-hole score or at least 10 holes for an 18-hole score. Authorized formats are individual stroke play (medal), Stableford, par/bogey, gross score (scratch) and maximum score.
- In the company of at least one other person, who acts as a marker.
- Played by the Rules of Golf on a golf course with a current Course Rating and Slope Rating, where length and normal playing difficulty is maintained at a consistent level.
- Players pre-register on the day in a manner prescribed by the England Golf. Organised competitions run in an authorized format are considered as pre-registered.

Note:

- Scores submitted when some or all bunkers are G.U.R. are acceptable for handicap purposes.
- Scores posted when playing in the same group as a partner/team-mate in pairs/team competitions are **not acceptable** for handicap. Exception to this rule is Betterball.

### Acceptable Scores when Winter Rules are in place

Please refer to the England Golf Winter Rules for guidance on submitting Acceptable Scores during the winter. Note that Green tees are in operation for CFCC Winter Season and is available as course selection in England Golf General Play scoring.

The following additional guidance is provided by England Golf:

#### G. Def/1: Active and Inactive Seasons

Golf should be played throughout the year, although for many clubs the course setup may mean that in winter scores will not be acceptable for handicap purposes. However, it is expected that all clubs will endeavour to encourage players to return Acceptable Scores throughout the year where possible.

#### G2.1/3 Temporary Greens or Tees

Scores are acceptable for handicapping purposes if:

- No more than two temporary greens are in play for an 18-hole round
- Only one temporary green is in play for a 9-hole round.

Temporary or alternative tees are acceptable for handicapping purposes but whenever the length of the course has been increased or decreased by virtue of the use of temporary greens and/or tees by more than 100 yards for an 18 hole round or 50 yards for a 9 hole round, the adjustments to the Course Rating and Slope Rating set out in Appendix G of the Rules of Handicapping must be applied.

### **GH/3 Artificially Surfaced Tees**

Acceptable Scores may be returned when artificially surfaced tees are in use provided the artificial tees are located at positions that relate to a Measured Course. Although artificially surfaced tees do not generally satisfy the two club-lengths in depth requirement in the Rules of Golf definition of a teeing ground, in such circumstances it is considered that the spirit of the Rule is being honoured, and that Acceptable Scores can be returned both in Competitions and General Play.

### **GH/1 Preferred Lies**

Scores returned when preferred lies are in operation will be valid as Acceptable Scores only when a Local Rule has been made and published in accordance with Rules of Golf Model Local Rule E3.

### **GH/4 Local Rule for Lift, Clean and Replace**

Acceptable Scores are permitted when the Local Rule (Model Local rule E2) allowing cleaning of the ball in the General Area is in place.



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## Appendix D: General Play Scores

Pre-registered scores from General Play (casual rounds) may be submitted for handicap purposes over 18 holes or 9 holes at CFCC or at any other course Worldwide that has with a current Course Rating and Slope Rating.

The preferred method for rounds played within GB&I is to use the My England Golf app:

You must register your intention to submit a General Play Score **before you play** by signing in on the app or PSI system.

### At CFCC:

Men may play from the white, yellow, blue, or red tees. (White tees are normally reserved for Competition play only) Green tees are available for the Winter Season.

9 Holes are only available when playing holes 1-9.

You may pick up your ball if you cannot score a Stableford point on a hole.

Your score must be verified through the My England Golf app by someone that witnessed the round and who holds a WHS Handicap Index. This can be a member of any affiliated golf club in GB&I, or an iGolf subscriber.

During the round or soon after, input your score on the app. There is a minimum of 2 hours required between registering and completing score entry. After submitting your score, your marker will be notified that they need to approve your score in the app. This must be done on the day of play so that handicaps are updated overnight.

Should your score not be submitted/approved in good time, you and your marker will receive a reminder email asking you to complete the process or to contact the club if there is a valid reason why the score has not been submitted/approved. If you do not act, an automated Penalty Score may be applied to your Handicap Record, which could adjust your handicap upwards or downwards.

### Note:

General Play scores may not be submitted when playing in a team, competition or in match play.

There is detailed guidance about submitting General Play Scores available on the England Golf Web pages.

## Appendix E: Scramble Competition Guidelines

In a Texas Scramble all play from the teeing area on each hole, one of the tee shots is selected and all play their second shots from that spot. One of the second shots is then selected, and all play their third shots from that spot, and so on until the ball is holed. A minimum number of tee shots of each team member must be used, usually 3 or 4 in teams of 4.

Where to Play the ball from

- In parts of the General Area cut to fairway height or less: place within 6 inches, no nearer the hole
- Elsewhere in the General Area, Penalty Areas & Bunkers: drop within 1 club length, no nearer the hole in accordance with Rule 14.6 (b)
- When Preferred Lies are in operation in the whole General Area or in Bunkers: place within 12 inches, no nearer the hole
- On the Putting Green: place within 6 inches, no nearer the hole

### Handicap Allowance

The Handicap Allowances for Scrambles are shown in Appendix B and adjustments in mixed or multi-tee competitions will be published separately.

The strokes received by each player are calculated to the nearest 0.01 and added to give the total strokes received by the team, which is rounded to the nearest whole number.

The strokes received and the minimum number of tee shots may be reduced pro rata when playing less than 18 holes. The number of tee shots required by each player will be published per competition.

### Short-handed Teams

It is recommended that short-handed teams receive an extra stroke allowance by including a “ghost” player with a Course Handicap of 20 in the calculation.

The minimum number of tee shots for short-handed teams is increased by approximately one third (33%) in teams of 4 and one half (50%) in teams of 3 (rounded to a suitable whole number).

## Appendix F: Hudson Shield Rules (Order of Merit - Golfer of the year)

The Annual Order of Merit (Hudson's Shield) for the season will encompass the following fixtures:

May	Men's Monthly Medal
May	Anniversary Plate
June	Men's Monthly Medal
July	Club Championship Day 1
July	Trophy Day
August	Men's Monthly Medal
September	Men's Monthly Medal
September	Captain's Trophy
October	Men's Monthly Medal
October	Men's Monthly Stableford

Points are scored per player based on the following:

- Top 10 places in each division are awarded points.
- For each of the divisions, 1<sup>st</sup> place is awarded 10 points, 10<sup>th</sup> is awarded 1 point. The places in the middle of this fill out accordingly (2<sup>nd</sup> = 9, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 8 etc...).
- NR and DQ cards score zero points.
- Hudson's Shield winner is highest points total scored through all events.
- These will be run as an order of merit and will be updated and visible via Howdidido to track player progress.

## Appendix G: Tamar Trophy Format (Winter Series)

The Tamar Trophy is a series of eight competitions throughout the winter season with a selection of:

Individual Stableford Competitions  
Four Ball Betterball Stableford Competitions  
2 Man Greensomes Stableford Competitions  
2 Man Foursomes Stableford Competitions  
2 Man Texas Scramble Stableford Competitions  
Individual Stableford Competition

All these competitions will be single division irrespective of handicaps and number of entries.



The scoring format for each of these as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place 10 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> place 9 pts

3<sup>rd</sup> place 8 pts

4<sup>th</sup> place 7 pts

5<sup>th</sup> place 6 pts

6<sup>th</sup> place 5 pts

7<sup>th</sup> place 4 pts

8<sup>th</sup> place 3 pts

9<sup>th</sup> place 2 pts

10<sup>th</sup> place 1 pts

Over the eight events, the sum total of the best 5 from 8 scores will be the players total score for the series.

The Tamar Trophy will be awarded to the individual with the highest points (5 from 8).

## Appendix H: Terms of Competition Summary

### Changes to Eligibility:

1. All Men's Section Events: Members must have submitted at least 3 qualifying competition cards on WHS in the 12 months prior to the event.
2. Club Championship: Members must have submitted 3 competition qualifying cards specifically at China Fleet Country Club (CFCC) in the 12 months prior to the event.

### Eligibility Summary

To ensure fairness and consistency in all CFCC Men's Section competitions, the following rules apply:

1. Eligibility for Trophies in All Men's Section Events:

To qualify for a trophy in any Men's Section competition, members are required to have submitted a minimum of 3 qualifying competition cards under the WHS system within the 12 months leading up to the event. This ensures participants have demonstrated recent and consistent playing activity.

2. Eligibility for Club Championship Trophies:

To be eligible for trophies in the Club Championship, members must have submitted 3 qualifying competition cards specifically at China Fleet Country Club (CFCC) within the

preceding 12 months. Demonstrating a commitment to participating in club-hosted competitions.

### 3. New Members or Initial Handicap Allocation:

Members who are in the process of establishing an initial handicap index must submit scores from 54 holes of golf (any combination of 9- or 18-hole rounds). However, these rounds do not count toward the 3 required qualifying competition cards for trophy eligibility.

#### Definition of Qualifying Events

The definition provided outlines the various types of qualifying competitions within the China Fleet Men's Golf Section.

1. All Men's Sanctioned Club Competitions: This refers to any official golf tournaments or events organised by the China Fleet Men's Golf Section that are open to male members of the club.
2. All Seniors Qualifying Competitions: This specifically pertains to qualifying competitions designated for senior male golfers within the China Fleet Men's Golf Section
3. CFCC Organised Roll-Ups Wed-Sat: Roll-ups still serve as opportunities for members to improve their skills and qualifying cards for more competitive events.
4. All CFCC Organised Qualifying Events: This encompasses any qualifying events organised by China Fleet Country Club and played at CFCC.

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### 2. All Seniors Qualifying Competitions:

Qualifying competitions specifically designated for senior male golfers within the China Fleet Men's Golf Section.

### 3. CFCC Organised Roll-Ups (Wed-Sat):

Roll-up events organised by the club, which count toward qualifying competition cards while providing members an opportunity to improve their skills in a casual, yet competitive environment.

### 4. All CFCC Organised Qualifying Events:

Any official qualifying events held and organised by China Fleet Country Club, played at CFCC.

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#### Definition of a Competition Card under WHS

A Competition Card under the World Handicap System (WHS) refers to a scorecard submitted by a player in a competition that:

1. Reflects an acceptable score from a WHS-authorized format of play.
2. Adheres to the provisions set out within Rule 2 of the Rules of Handicapping.
3. Is recorded during an official CFCC qualifying event, as outlined above, and is verified in accordance with WHS standards.

Note: Scores submitted for initial handicap allocation do not count as Competition Cards under WHS, as they are not part of sanctioned competitions.

Revisions.

Rev 1

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- Competition Entry requirements changed. (Any 3 Competition Cards on WHS to be eligible to enter Men's Section Competitions. No change to Club Championships, this still requires 3 Competition cards at CFCC only.
- Tamar Trophy formats updated.



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