

Men's Golf Section - Rules Revision Summary 21st January 2025

Overview & Revision of the 3 Card Rule

The updated 3 Card Rule has been introduced to enhance clarity, fairness, and consistency across all Men's Section competitions. It aims to promote active participation, ensure equitable competition, and align with WHS (World Handicap System) standards. This revision also provides an accurate framework for reporting of qualifying card entries.

Key Points

1. Eligibility Requirements:

- To participate in **Men's Section Qualifying Events**, members must submit **three WHS-compliant competition cards** within the preceding 12 months. These may include events such as Monthly Medals, Stablefords, Honours Board, and Trophy competitions.
- For the **Club Championship**, all three cards must be from events hosted at **China Fleet Country Club (CFCC)**.

2. Events That Count Towards the 3 Card Rule:

- **CFCC-sanctioned Competitions:** Includes Opens, Trophy Events, Honours Board Events, and other qualifying competitions.
- **Organised Roll-Ups:** Wednesday to Saturday roll-ups count as qualifying cards for entry, although participation in these events does not require the 3 Card Rule.
- **WHS Qualifying Competitions:** Includes Monthly Medals, Monthly Stablefords, Cup Events, or Honours Board Competitions that count towards your future handicap.

3. Events That Do Not Count Towards the 3 Card Rule:

- Scores submitted for **initial handicap allocation** (54 holes) are excluded.
- **Non-Qualifying Competitions** do not count towards your handicap. Examples include fun formats such as Texas Scrambles.

Excluded Events:

The following events which are not vetted and do not require the 3 Card Rule however the Roll ups do contribute towards the required 3 card ruling :

- Saturday and Wednesday Roll-Ups.
- Turkey Trot.
- Captain's Day.

What Qualifies as a Valid Card?

1. WHS Compliance:

- Cards must meet WHS standards for acceptable scores.
- They must be played in authorised formats with verified scores.

2. Verification:

- Scorecards must be validated by an authorised marker and submitted through approved WHS channels.

Why This Rule Matters:

- **Fairness:** Ensures all competitors are actively engaged and have recent competition experience.
- **Commitment:** Encourages participation in club-hosted events, fostering camaraderie and fair play.

This revised rule summary has been designed to offer a clear and concise understanding of the 3 Card Rule, its applicability, and exclusions. Members are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these updates to ensure full compliance and fair competition.