

CHINA FLEET COUNTRY CLUB
Seniors Golf Section

Competition Terms and Conditions of Play

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Date	Reason	Section
Nov 25	Change to Trophy Competition entry criteria.	[1] Eligibility to win any trophy in Major stroke play or stableford competitions is subject to being a current Seniors member and having submitted at least 6 Acceptable Scores (including a minimum of 3 in CFCC Competitions, and must include 3 Monday Roll Ups in the 12 months preceding the entry closing date of the competition.

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1. SAB MONDAY ROLL UP

All Year

Entry using HowDidiDo

Format to be decided by Captain.

100% Handicap Index with Playing Handicap Allowance set In Accordance With WHS Allowance Table.

One Division

Ties to be decided on last 9, 6, 3, 1 hole(s).

Entry Fee: £4 per person taken from Wallet.

Prize Fund: Half of entry fees, number of prizes dependent on number of entries.

Eligibility:
Open to all Senior Section Members.

Restrictions:
Team Competitions and no individual General Play Cards are to be submitted.

Model Local Rule L-2. The Player is responsible for the entry of the correct Playing Handicap.

2. SENIORS MONDAY QUALIFIER

One Per Month All Year

Entry using HowDidiDo

Individual Stableford.

Ties to be decided on last 9, 6, 3, 1 hole(s).

Two Divisions. Divisions may be reduced to one subject to numbers entering.

Acceptable for Handicap.

Entry Fee: £4 per person taken from Wallet.

100% Handicap Index with Playing Handicap Allowance set 95% of Course Handicap.

Prize Fund: Half Fee to prize fund. Prizes in two divisions if enough entries. One Division if either division has less than 10 Players.

Eligibility:
Member of Seniors Section and Active WHS Handicap.

3. PETER GILL TROPHY

June

Entry using HowDidiDo

36 Hole Individual Stableford over two dates.

Ties to be decided on last 9, 6, 3, 1 hole(s).

Two Divisions. Divisions may be reduced to one subject to numbers entering.

Acceptable score for handicap.

Entry Fee: £4 per person taken from Wallet.

Max Handicap Index Allowance 28.1. Playing Handicap Allowance set 95% of Course Handicap. Handicap for this competition will be the players handicap as shown on HOWDIDIDO on the day of each round.

Prize Fund: Half Fee to prize fund. Prizes in two divisions if enough entries. One Division if either division has less than 10 Players.

Trophy to the best score of both rounds.

Trophy:
Peter Gill Trophy

Eligibility:
Member of Seniors Section for a minimum 3 months and has an Active WHS Handicap. Must have 6 Acceptable Score in 12 months. No Penalty Scores will be considered.

4. SENIORS ANNIVERSARY TROPHY

June

Entry using HowDidiDo

18 Hole Individual Stableford Even Years 18 Hole Medal Odd Years.

Ties to be decided on last 9, 6, 3, 1 hole(s).

Two Divisions. Divisions may be reduced to one subject to numbers entering.

Trophy winner is the Best Net Score from either division.

Acceptable score for handicap.
Entry Fee: £4 per person taken from Wallet.

Max Handicap Index Allowance 28.1. Playing Handicap Allowance set 95% of Course Handicap.

Prize Fund: Half Fee to prize fund. Prizes in two divisions if enough entries. One Division if Division Two less than 10 Players.

Trophy:
Seniors Anniversary Trophy.

Eligibility:
Member of Seniors Section for 3 months and has an Active WHS Handicap. Must have 6 Acceptable Score in 12 months. No Penalty Scores will be considered.

5. SENIORS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

August

Entry using HowDidiDo

18 Hole Medal.

Ties to be decided on last 9, 6, 3, 1 hole(s).

One Division.

Acceptable score for handicap.

Entry Fee: £6 paid on registration in the Pro Shop.

Max Handicap Index Allowance 28.1. Playing Handicap Allowance set 95% of Course Handicap.

Prize Fund: 100% funds are used for Prizes.

Trophy:

Seniors Club Championship Trophy Best Gross.

Seniors Club Championship Handicap Best Net.

Eligibility:

Registered Member of Seniors Section for 3 months minimum, and has an Active WHS Handicap. Must have 6 Acceptable Score in 12 months. No Penalty Scores will be considered.

6. ALAN HARVEY TROPHY

August

Entry using HowDidiDo

18 Hole Stableford .

Ties to be decided on last 9, 6, 3, 1 hole(s).

One Division.

Entry Fee: £4 Per Person taken from Wallet

Max Handicap Index Allowance 28.1. Playing Handicap Allowance set 95% of Course Handicap.

Prize Fund: Half Prize fund for Prize Money.

Trophy:

Alan Harvey Trophy

Eligibility:

Registered Member of Seniors Section for 3 months minimum, and Active WHS Handicap. Must have 6 Acceptable Score in 12 months. No Penalty Scores will be considered.

Restrictions:

This is a 3 Club plus a Putter Challenge.

7. QUEEN ELIZABETH 2ND TROPHY

March to October

Entry Via Sheet on Seniors Notice Board. Draw will be two divisions determined by HowDidiDo.

Division One and Two winners to play each other to determine the Trophy Winner.

18 Hole Individual Knockout.

Betterball Match Play.

Handicap allowance 90% of Playing Handicap.

Matchplay best score on hole.

Ties to be decided by extra holes until winning hole.

Entry Fee: £4 Per player taken from wallet

Prize Fund: Prize Money voucher dependant on entry numbers.

Queen Elizabeth Trophy.

Eligibility:

Registered Member of Seniors Section for 3 months, and has an Active WHS Handicap. Must have 6 Acceptable Scores in 12 months. No Penalty Scores will be considered.

Restrictions:

Maximum Handicap Index is 28.1 allowing Max Playing Handicap of 30. Players may enter with a higher handicap index but will be restricted to 28.1.

Handicap difference is 100%.

8. PLATE KNOCKOUT

March to October

Entry automatic from those knocked out in first round of Queen Elizabeth Trophy.

18 Hole Individual Knockout.

Betterball Match Play.

Handicap allowance 90% of Playing Handicap.

Matchplay best score on hole.

Ties to be decided by extra holes until winning hole.

Entry Fee: No Entry Fee

Prize Fund: Derived from Queen Elizabeth 2nd Trophy entries.

Individual Knockout Trophy

Eligibility:

Registered Member of Seniors Section for 3 months, and has an Active WHS Handicap. Must have 6 Acceptable Scores in 12 months. No Penalty Scores will be considered.

Restrictions:

Maximum Handicap Index is 28.1 allowing Max Playing Handicap of 30. Players may enter with a higher handicap index but will be restricted to 28.1.

Handicap difference is 100%.

9. SENIORS PAIRS KNOCKOUT

March to October

Entry Via Sheet on Seniors Notice Board. Draw will be two divisions determined by HowDidiDo.

18 Hole Pairs matchplay Knockout.

Betterball Match Play.

Handicap allowance 90% of Playing Handicap.

Matchplay best score on hole.

Ties to be decided by extra holes until winning hole.

Entry Fee: £4 Per player taken from wallet

Prize Fund: Prize Money voucher dependant on entry numbers.

Pairs Knockout Trophy.

Eligibility:

Registered Member of Seniors Section for 3 months, and has an Active WHS Handicap. Must have 6 Acceptable Scores in 12 months. No Penalty Scores will be considered.

Restrictions:

Maximum Handicap Index is 28.1 allowing Max Playing Handicap of 30. Players may enter with a higher handicap index but will be restricted to 28.1.

Handicap difference is 90%.

10. ECLECTIC

April to October

Individual Eclectic Score based on 10 selected events.

50% Course Handicap.

Entry Fee: Included with the Qualifier fee.

Prize Fund TBC by the Committee.

Two Divisions based on lowest gross score for the seasons events.

Eligibility:

Registered Member of Seniors Section for 3 months, and has an Active WHS Handicap. Must have 6 Acceptable Scores in 12 months. No Penalty Scores will be considered.

The Eclectic will be linked to the following competitions:

Monthly Qualifiers Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Sept and Oct.

Peter Gill Trophy Rnd 1 and Rnd 2.

Anniversary Trophy June.

11. DINOSAURS TROPHY

March

Entry Via Sheet on Seniors Notice Board. Draw will be determined by age groups Over 70 and Under 70.

18 Hole Pairs matchplay.

Betterball Match Play.

Handicap allowance 90% of Playing Handicap.

Matchplay best score on hole.

Entry Fee: £2 for Twos Sweep.

Prize Fund: No Prizes beyond Twos

Dinosaurs Trophy presented to Winning Team Captain..

Eligibility:

Registered Member of Seniors Section, and Active WHS Handicap.

12. SENIORS MATCHPLAY FRIENDLIES

March to October

Team of 12 or 16, Selected by the Seniors Captain or his Captain for the Day.

Entry using sheet on the Seniors Notice Board.

Betterball Matchplay

Handicap allowance 90% of Playing Handicap Shot taken from lowest handicap.

Matchplay best score on hole.

Eligibility:

Registered Member of Seniors Section, and Active WHS Handicap.

13. HARRY CHAMPION

June

Pairs Betterball Matchplay.

Team of 8 players selected by the Captain from a list posted on Seniors Noticeboard.

90% Playing Handicap.

Scoring for this competition is responsibility of The Point Golf Club.

Entry Fee: £15 Contribution per Team Member taken from wallet.

Eligibility:

Registered Member of Seniors Section 3 months, and has an Active WHS Handicap.

Number of acceptable scores determined by The Point Golf Club.

14. TURKEY TROT

December

Team played in pairs (betterball).

90% Course Handicap.

Stableford Points

Entry Fee: £5

Modified Shotgun Start

Captain may adjust format dependant on final entries.

Eligibility:

Active WHS Handicap with three qualifying cards posted in the 12 months prior to the competition date or Captains discretion depending on circumstances.

Eligibility:

Registered Member of Seniors Section, and has an Active WHS Handicap. Must have 6 Acceptable Scores in 12 months. No Penalty Scores will be considered.

Restrictions:

Maximum Handicap Index is 28.1 allowing Max Course Handicap of 30. Players may enter with a higher handicap index but will be restricted to 28.1.

15. CAPTAIN'S DAY

September

Format decided by the Captain.

Entry Fee: To be agreed annually by the Captain and Committee taking into.

Prize Fund: Prizes provided by the Captain. Prize fund donated to Captains Charity.

Eligibility:

Registered Member of Seniors Section, and has an Active WHS Handicap.

16. BOGEY COMPETITION

October

18 Hole Bogey Competition.

95% Course Handicap.

Scoring using 'Modified Stableford' that encourages more aggressive play. The Scoring system looks like this:

Two or more strokes over par: -3 points
One stroke over: -1 point
Par: 0 points
One stroke under: 2 points
Two strokes under: 5 points
Three strokes under: 8 points

Entry Fee: £4 from wallet

Entry using HOWDIDIDO.

Eligibility:

Active WHS Handicap with three qualifying cards posted in the 12 months prior to the competition date or Captains discretion depending on circumstances.

Eligibility:

Registered Member of Seniors Section, and has an Active WHS Handicap. Must have 6 Acceptable Scores in 12 months. No Penalty Scores will be considered.

Restrictions:

Maximum Handicap Index is 28.1 allowing Max Course Handicap of 30. Players may enter with a higher handicap index but will be restricted to 28.1.

17. SENIORS INDIVIDUAL OPEN

July

Individual Strokeplay Stableford.

95% Course Handicap.

Stableford Points.

Acceptable score for handicap.

Eligibility:

Open to All CFCC Seniors Members and Non Members aged 55 and over.

Active WHS Handicap with six qualifying cards posted in the 12 months prior to the competition date or Captains discretion depending on circumstances.

Eligibility:

Open to all men aged 55 and over who have an Active WHS Handicap. Must have 6 Acceptable Scores in 12 months. No Penalty Scores will be considered

Restrictions:

Maximum Handicap Index is 28.1 allowing Max Course Handicap of 30. Players may enter with a higher handicap index but will be restricted to 28.1.

18. SENIORS TEAM OPEN

Aug

Team of Three (betterball) Two Scores to Count

90% Course Handicap.

Stableford Points

Open to All CFCC Seniors Members and Non Members aged 55 and over.

Eligibility:

Open to all men aged 55 and over who have an Active WHS Handicap. Must have 6 Acceptable Scores in 12 months. No Penalty Scores will be considered

Restrictions:

Maximum Handicap Index is 28.1 allowing Max Course Handicap of 30. Players may enter with a higher handicap index but will be restricted to 28.1.

19. WOODEN SPOON

April/May

Ladies v Senior Men.

Team Match Play played in pairs (betterball).

90% Course Handicap and then full difference from lowest handicap.

Tied matches allowed.

In the event of an overall tie the Ladies Captain and Senior Men's Captain will play a singles match play sudden death play-off from first tee. Full difference handicap allowance.

Losing team are to be awarded the Wooden Spoon for one year.

Eligibility:

Active WHS Handicap with six qualifying cards posted in the 12 months prior to the competition date or Captain's discretion depending on circumstances.

Trophy donated by Colin Sanders.

20. RICK EVANS MEMORIAL TROPHY

July

Open to all CFCC Members and PTI's

4BBB Team Event two scores to count

85% Course Handicap and then full difference from lowest handicap.

Entry via HOWDIDIDO for all with £5 for Member and Green Fee plus £5 for Non CFCC Members.

All proceeds go to Rick Evans Charity (St Lukes Hospice)

Prize is the Rick Evans Memorial Shield to the winning team.

1. ELIGIBILITY

Membership Categories

Male members aged Fifty Five (55) and above and registered as a Member of the CFCC and with the Seniors section and are registered with the Seniors Secretary and the Seniors Treasurer for a Seniors Wallet.

They must hold a valid Handicap Index and of amateur status are eligible to play in all Seniors competitions.

These competitions include:

- Seniors Club Championship. [1]
- Monthly Qualifiers. [1]
- Peter Gill two round event. [1]
- Seniors Anniversary Trophy. [1]
- Summer Match play knockout competitions. [2]
- Alan Harvey Trophy. [1]
- Seniors Friendly and team matches, e.g. CGU over 55s, Mixed friendlies and Harry Champion.

[1] Eligibility to win any trophy in Major stroke play or stableford competitions is subject to being a current Seniors member and having submitted at least 6 Acceptable Scores (including a minimum of 3 in CFCC Competitions, and must include 3 Monday Roll Ups in the 12 months preceding the entry closing date of the competition.

[2] Entry to Seniors Match Play knockout competitions is subject to having submitted at least 6 Acceptable Scores in the 12 months before the date of playing the first match in the competition.

[4] 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 6 Acceptable Scores within the previous 12 months.

[5] There are no restrictions to enter the Seniors Monday Roll Ups.

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.

2. COMPETITION ENTRY

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

Any 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 6 Acceptable Scores within the previous 12 months.

New golfers and any new members transferring from other clubs or joining China Fleet as their 2nd, (3rd club etc.) are required to submit scores from a further 3 rounds (18 hole) played in CFCC club competitions, listed below before they are eligible to win prizes or trophies in competitions in CFCC Seniors Section.

The definition provided outlines the various types of competitions qualifying for acceptable scores within the China Fleet 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 weekday and weekends:** 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.

2.1 Match Play Competitions

Members as described in Section 1, subject to having submitted at least 6 Acceptable Scores (including a minimum of 3 in CFCC Competition play) in the 12 months before the date of playing the first match in the competition.

- Knockout competition draw sheets will be posted on the Seniors Notice Board. A draw will be carried out and will be available on HowDidIDo.
- Refer to Appendix C for the Seniors Knockout Competition Rules.

NOTE:

While the Rules of Golf do not expressly prohibit the playing of a match whilst concurrently playing in a stroke play competition, it is not encouraged because of the significant differences between the 2 formats, therefore you may not play in a stroke play competition, including roll-ups or submit a score for handicap purposes while simultaneously playing in a Matchplay match.

2.2 Seniors Competitions

All Stroke Play and Stableford competitions have reserved tee times bookings. (Clubv1, HowDidIDo).

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 Seniors Captain and Competition Secretary beforehand.

Monday Morning Competitions:

- There are generally reserved tee times in 2 zones from 08:24 to 09:28 and 09:36 to 10:40. Competition play is not allowed outside of the reserved times.
- Enter the draw using 'Booking' Feature in HowDidIDo for the applicable competition. Entry will open a minimum 21 days before the competition date.
- The draw is finalised, and entry is closed on the Wednesday prior to the competition Date.
- Payment will be taken from the Senior Members wallet unless otherwise stipulated.
- Tee times are allocated on a balanced draw for most of the Seniors Completions. Where this is not the case then Members will be able to select a Tee Time or will be requested to add their names to a list on the notice board.
- Tee allocation will be provided by E Mail to the members as soon as practical by the Seniors Captain.

Exception: at the discretion of the Seniors Captain, 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 D.

2.3 Team Matches against other clubs

Members with a valid Handicap Index are eligible.

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.

2.4 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 flexi fee before playing and then register with the Seniors Committee on the Bridge.

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, the penalty for failure to start on time is 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.

2.5 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, Seniors 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.

2.6 Entry Fees and Prizes

Entry Fee

Unless published prior to an event or otherwise specified for a specific competition, the entry fee to all Monday competitions is £4.00 per person. This is for all events whether individual or team; Strokeplay, Stableford or Matchplay.

Prizes

All prizes unless otherwise stated are paid into the members wallet.

Prize Breakdown

Prizes are based on 50% of the £4 entry fee (the other £2 being 2s sweep £1, 50p Captain's Charity donation and 50p Section admin costs for the Monday competitions.

For Trophy Competitions and Qualifiers these will generally be in two divisions as follows:

- Division One: 0 to 16 Handicap
- Division Two: 17 to 54 Handicap

Prizes in two divisions are awarded if enough entries. The fund will be distributed pro rata between the 2 divisions. Where number of entries is lower for one division (less the 10 entries) then a single division prize will be given. This is at the discretion of the Committee.

Where applicable Handicap restrictions are still in place for Trophy Competitions as previously indicated.

Prizes will be distributed pro pro rata as follows:

Division One and Two:

1st 40%
2nd 30%
3rd 20%
4th 10%

Should there be a single division for that competition then prize will be as follows:

1st 35%
2nd 25%
3rd 20%

4th 15%
5th 5%

Twos Sweep

Weekly twos sweep is funded from the entrance fee (£1) and is divided to the nearest £1 to all winners. This rolled over to the following week until it is claimed. This is paid into the competitors wallet.

For Seniors Open Competitions this is funded as a separate competition. Prize will be given as a monetary voucher, determined by the number of entries.

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 the 1st 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 Monday Roll Ups and Qualifying competitions and.

The Competitions listed in Section 1 will be subject to a maximum Playing Handicap of 30.

- For Peter Gill, which is played over 2 rounds over 2 different days, players will play the entire competition with the handicap as at the first round of the competition.

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 used must be for handicapping purposes and the restricted handicap is simply for competition result purposes.

Teeing Areas

In general:

- Seniors competitions are played from yellow tees in the summer and green tees in the winter
- CFCC Roll-Up competitions are played from yellow tees in summer, green tees in winter.
- Mixed competitions are played from white or yellow tees for men, red tees for ladies
- All Summer Matchplay knockout competitions are played from the yellow tees.

5. RETURNING THE SCORECARD

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. If Stableford then the point should be entered in the point Column for that hole.

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 of 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 their 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. They Player and Marker should ensure that correct scoring method is recorded (i.e Medal (gross Score or Stableford Points) this assists the Committee in correcting any disputed score.

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, Seniors 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. If PSI is used to record score then "PLAYED BUT DID NOT SCORE" should be used. Net Double Bogey will be used to determine score for that hole.

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. After the round enter your scores through the PSI screen
2. 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 their 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.
- 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 PSI computer will not lead to disqualification.

6. HOW TIES ARE DECIDED

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

6.4 Matchplay

In the event of a tie, the match is extended one hole at a time, starting on Hole 1, until a winner is determined.

7. WHEN THE RESULT IS FINAL

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

In "normal times", cards returned more than 30 minutes after the final group has completed the last hole may not be accepted for determining of prize winners (but still count for handicap).

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. PACE OF PLAY

The pace of play should be maintained at all time. The expected time to complete a competition in 4 Balls is 4 Hours 15 Min, but should not take more than 4 hours 30 mins.

It is every players responsibility to maintain pace with the group in front. It is every player responsibility to maintain the pace of play, and should not take unreasonable time to take their shot or move between shots.

Be ready when it's your turn:

Start your pre-shot routine before you reach your ball and be prepared to hit the shot quickly.

Use "Ready Golf":

If a player is further away and facing a challenging shot, hit your shot when it's safe to do so, rather than waiting for the player farthest away.

Keep the ball moving:

Put out your putts, even if it means standing close to someone else's line.

Be mindful of others:

Avoid making unnecessary stops or delays that could impact the pace of play for others in your group or behind you.

Consider a faster pace:

Many courses are implementing initiatives to encourage faster play, such as pace-of-play stations and time limits.

Respect the course:

Avoid excessive walking or other activities that could interfere with other players' progress.

Be aware of pace-of-play guidelines:

Many courses have specific guidelines for pace of play, and it's important to be aware of them.

Model Local Rule K

The Committee may introduce penalties for slow play in accordance with Model Local Rule K1, K2 and K3 should they deem it appropriate

or be made aware by members in the same competition of any slow play.

9. CHANGING THE TERMS

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.