

## **RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL COMPETITIONS – MAY 2022**

**Please be aware of an immediate amendment to Rule 5 in the club diary; amended rule now reads:**

Rule 5: Markers in competitions must be eligible to play in the same competition. They must also be playing in that competition (i.e. not a social round); this will allow for marker and player's electronic/physical signature to be shown. In exceptional circumstances, a member may ask Chair of M & C for permission to have a stipulated marker and this notification is required a minimum of 72 hours prior to the competition. If permission is granted, this is given for the noted competition only; permission is required for any competition thereafter.

### **WHS – Non-Returned (NR) Cards**

One of the principles of the World Handicapping System (WHS) is that players' Handicap Indexes reflect their demonstrated playing ability. For this to be the case, players should return every Competition card and every card where they have pre-registered to submit a card under General Play.

The following procedures will now be put in place:

Players who do not return a card without informing Chair of M & C immediately with a valid reason, will now face disciplinary action:

1st Breach - written warning

2nd and 3rd breach – suspension of right to compete in an upcoming Club competition

4th breach – withdrawal of handicap index for 4 weeks (meaning suspension from all competitions and matches)

Under WHS rules, clubs also have the discretion to adjust a handicap index as a penalty for repeated non-compliance.

By signing up to play in a competition, it is your responsibility to return a score within the correct timeframe.

Management Committee

HPGC

20<sup>th</sup> May 2022