

QUALIFICATION FOR MAJOR TROPHIES

The events below have been identified as major events and the 4-card qualifying rule is active.

- Robert E Cupp
- Gold Cup
- Betterball Cup
- Club Championship
- Little Horsted Cup
- Tom Appleby Salver
- Carruthers Challenge Cup
- Tombstone Classic
- Anniversary Jug
- All Summer & Winter Ko's

These competitions will be prefixed with (Q) on booking title.

Please see below a new rule introduced for ESN Major Trophy Competitions to ensure that players handicaps are reflective of their current ability and low handicap index.

Please be aware of the following change to competition entry for Trophy / Board events. These events will be listed on the website for reference.

Players must be able to demonstrate that their handicaps are current, so with effect from April 1st 2025, as a condition of entry to all Major board competitions and Knockouts, players must have completed and submitted a minimum of 4 x 18 holes competition scores for handicap purposes (formerly known as qualifying) in the preceding year. (Period - January 1st to December 31st)

"Whilst eligibility is based on completed rounds, the player's official handicap will still be your WHS handicap—not one calculated from the 4-card requirement."

The balance of the handicap calculation may be general play rounds and any combination of 9 and 18 hole acceptable scores is acceptable.

** Midweek Show & Go's rounds are classed as competition rounds and will qualify towards the 4 qualifying rounds.

- The Trophy / Board events will be identified with a prefix (Q)
- Maximum Handicap Index is 24 Men - 36 Ladies (players may enter , but playing handicap allowance will be restricted in relation to the maximum handicap index). Strokes received will be shown on the scorecard as per normal.
- For all other competitions there is no minimum number of acceptable scores required to enter.
- It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that he meets the qualifying criteria, and it will be indicated on the Event title (Q) to indicate a board event.
- If an event is oversubscribed , there will be a ballot amongst the higher handicap entries.
- New members will be exempt for their year of joining.