

Every player is responsible for their scorecard. These are Rules of Golf requirements under [Rule 3.3 - Scoring in Stroke Play](#), not optional courtesies. Missing a required step can result in disqualification. Read this notice before your round and ask any questions before teeing off.

1 Before You Play - Marker Assignment

- You will be paired with a marker - either assigned by the Committee or approved by it.
- At the first tee, exchange scorecards: you mark your marker's card, and your marker marks yours.
- Confirm the names and any handicap information shown before play begins.
- The same marker should keep your score all round unless the Committee approves a change.

Rule basis: Rule 3.3b - The marker keeps the player's score and certifies the hole scores after the round.

2 During the Round - Marking the Score

- After each hole, the marker should confirm the player's gross score, including penalties, and record it promptly.
- Confirm scores hole by hole. Do not reconstruct them at the turn or after the round.
- If a penalty may apply and you are unsure, ask the Committee before returning the card.

Rule basis: Rule 3.3b(1) - The marker enters and certifies the player's hole scores.

3 After the Round - Return the Card

- Check every hole score and raise any discrepancy before certifying the card.
- Make sure your marker has certified the hole scores.
- Do not change a score entered by your marker without the marker's agreement or Committee approval.
- Certify and return your card promptly. Once returned, it cannot be changed.
- You do not total the scores or apply the handicap; the Committee does.

Rule basis: Rule 3.3b(2)-(4) - The player checks, certifies and promptly returns the card; the Committee applies the handicap and totals the score.

4 If a Required Step Is Missed

These consequences come from the Rules of Golf, not club preference:

- No required player or marker certification, or failure to return the card promptly: disqualification, unless a limited Rules exception applies.
- Returned hole score higher than the actual score: the higher score stands.
- Returned hole score lower than the actual score, or a blank hole: disqualification. A narrow exception may apply when the player was unaware of a penalty before returning the card.

Rule basis: Rule 3.3b(2)-(3) - Certification, return of scorecard and wrong score for a hole.

Handicap note: Disqualification from the competition does not automatically prevent the round from being posted for handicap purposes. That is a separate Handicap Committee decision.

5 Quick Checklist

- ☐ Confirmed my marker and exchanged cards at the first tee
- ☐ Confirmed the gross score after every hole
- ☐ Raised scoring questions before returning the card
- ☐ Confirmed my marker certified the hole scores
- ☐ Certified and returned my scorecard promptly

Questions? Ask the Tournament Committee at the scoring area or contact the Pro Shop.

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