

## **Three Blind Mice**

Three Blind Mice is a tournament format that requires the winner to also have a bit of luck.

In Three Blind Mice, once the scorecards are turned in the tournament organizers randomly draw three holes from the course just played. And everyone's scores on those three holes are thrown out. The scorecards are then re-totaled and the winner is crowned.

Three Blind Mice can be played by individuals or teams, gross or net. We'll use individuals in our example:

Player A scores 83 and Player B scores 90. When the round is over, the committee randomly draws holes 3, 9 and 14. Scores on those three holes are thrown out. Player A scored 15 on those three holes, so Player A's Three Blind Mice score is 68 (83 minus 15). Player B scored 18 on the three holes, so Player B's Three Blind Mice score is 72 (90 minus 18).

It's easy to see how a golfer with a higher score can wind up winning Three Blind Mice with a bit of luck. Let's say the holes drawn were three of Player A's worst, while they were three of Player B's best. Player B could easily wind up "beating" Player A, despite having a higher total score.