

BAWBURGH GOLF CLUB MEN'S SECTION

2022 /23 WINTER ORDER OF MERIT RULES

1. Winter OOMs are open to all male members with a valid WHS handicap index who have played in 5 or more individual qualifying Bawburgh Golf Club competitions during the 12 months prior to 1 November 2022.
2. There will be 3 Individual OOMs - the Saturday OOM, the Sunday OOM and the Wednesday OOM which will run between 1 November 2022 and 31 March 2023 using the standard Optional Stableford competitions and rules on those days as qualifying events for points scoring.
3. Each OOM is an independent competition. Members can enter any of the OOMs, or 2, or even all 3 depending on their preferred days of play. Entry is made by advising the office team who will deduct the entry fee from the competition e-purse at the time of entry.
4. The "one off" entry fee for each individual OOM is £5.00, paid via the competition e-purse. 100% of entry fees are to be allocated to prize funds.
5. Members may enter the Winter OOM late between 1 November and 31 December 2022 but any qualifying competitions prior to their entry being accepted will be disregarded. The full £5.00 one off entry fee will still apply.
6. There is no scratch Winter OOM competition. The Winter Pairs KO competition and winter team competitions will not count towards the Winter OOM.
7. A full list of qualifying OOM events will be published before 1 November 2022. Entries for the Winter OOM should be made before 1 November 2022.
8. Winter weather and on course work may impact the course conditions of OOM qualifying events. A course will be valid for the purposes of the OOM providing no more than 4 temporary greens are in play.
9. Should adverse weather impact the playing of any of the qualifying optional Stableford competitions the existing BGC Bad Weather Policy will be used to determine the appropriate course of action.
10. A minimum of 4 qualifying events in each individual day OOM need to be completed for those respective OOMs to be deemed as completed. Should this not be the case the respective OOM will be abandoned with entry fees returned to members competition e-purse.

11. Each optional Stableford qualifier requires a field of 18 or more participants in order for it to be a valid competition (as per the existing BGC competition rules and prize matrix).
12. A minimum of 10 entrants for the independent Saturday OOM, Sunday OOM and Wednesday OOMs are required in order to run an OOM for that day. If at least 10 entrants are not received entry fees for that individual OOM will be refunded.
13. Entrants may enter as many OOM qualifying events as they wish, but only their 5 best-scoring OOM points will count towards their total in the OOM they have entered.
14. In each independent OOM vouchers won (excluding Birdie 2's) in the respective qualifying Optional Stablefords are counted as earned OOM points. As per the existing BGC prize matrix winning voucher values automatically increase as the number of participants rises, and the BB9 prize is not awarded to anyone in the top 4 OOM places.
15. The Greenkeepers Trophy (November) and the Patrick Unsworth Christmas Cup (December) are Bawburgh Golf Club Office, rather than Men's Section Committee, run events with unique and different prize structures. The standard MSC prize matrix will be applied to the individual Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday results in both of these events, purely for the purpose of generating OOM points in a consistent manner with other Winter OOM Qualifying Events. The overall prizes in both of these events, as presented by the BGC Office, will not be applied to the Winter OOM.
16. After each OOM event participating members will be emailed an update of the latest OOM standings. The OOM standings will also be published in reception and in the weekly newsletter and on the members section of the club website.
17. OOM prizes will be paid in vouchers and will be awarded in the first week of April 2023. There will be no trophy and no prize honour board. The Winter OOM winners will not be eligible for the Champion of Champion event.
18. The Winter OOM prize money will be allocated as follows:

No of Entrants	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
10 – 19	50%	30%	20%				
20 – 29	40%	30%	20%	10%			
30 - 39	40%	30%	15%	10%	5%		
40 - 49	35%	27.5%	17.5%	12.5%	5%	2.5%	
50+	30%	27.5%	17.5%	10%	7.5%	5%	2.5%

19. In the event of a tie for a prize money position the prize money will be equally shared by those who are tied. However, to determine an overall winner if there is a tie for 1st place in any OOM the winner will be determined by the person with the most outright individual competition wins. If that is equal the prize money will be equally shared.
20. It is the responsibility of each participant to book their own tee time in the respective qualifying Optional Stableford events and no allowance is made in the OOM rules for those not being able to secure a tee time on their chosen day.
21. As this is the first year of running a Winter OOM using a new format there may be unforeseen issues arising. The Men's Section Committee will be the sole decision-making point on any areas needing clarification or decisions.
22. Should any entrant have cause for complaint the Code of Conduct on the members website area should be used to register their dissatisfaction.