

BAWBURGH GOLF CLUB - MEN'S SECTION

RULES FOR 2023 STEWARDS CUP

1. The competition will run from April through to September each calendar year, or as determined by the Men's Section Committee. Any matches that are cancelled or abandoned due to weather conditions shall be rearranged in accordance with the Men's Section Bad Weather Policy.
2. The Rules of Golf, plus any Bawburgh Golf Club Local Rules at the time of the Competition, will apply.
3. The Competition will be open to all male members of Bawburgh Golf Club, except for juniors aged 10 or under, with an official WHS Handicap Index as at the date of the first-round draw, and who have played in at least **8 Handicap Qualifying Competitions**, 5 of which need to be played at Bawburgh Golf Club, during the 12 months prior to the draw. Appeals will be heard by MSC for any new members transferring in from away clubs, and new members, reviewing each case on its merits
4. The Competition will be in the form of a singles knock-out competition, with each match drawn and being decided over an 18-holes medal (stroke-play) round from the white tees; the winner will be the player with the lowest nett score. The England Golf Maximum Score guidance **will not** apply for this Competition.

In the event of a tie after 18 holes, additional holes will be played from the first hole onwards under medal match-play conditions, with strokes for each player only being taken at holes according to their Playing Handicap and the Stroke Indexes, until one player wins a hole.

5. The WHS Handicap Index for the Competition will be limited to 36.0, and players will be allocated a Playing Handicap based on 95% of their calculated Course Handicap on the day of the match. Members with a higher Handicap Index may still enter but will be required to use a Handicap Index of 36.0.
6. Players may enter by adding their names to the entry list as issued by the Men's Section Committee
7. The entry fee, as specified by the Men's Section Committee, **must** be paid prior to the first-round draw; if not paid, then the player will not be entered in the draw.

All names appearing on the entry list, and having paid their entry fee, will be entered and the order of matches will be decided by one straight draw, without seeding, conducted or overseen by the Men's Section Captain and/or Vice-Captain and published by the Golf Office.

8. There will be no waiver of any additional green fee payable by 5-day or non-peak members, nor will any concession be made to those who have a points membership by virtue of the fact that they need to use more points because of the day or time the match is to be played.
9. All matches in each round must be played before a stipulated closing date. The players shall arrange the match at a mutually convenient time but, if one player advises the other that he is unable to play a) on a weekday, the match shall be played on a weekend, and/or b) at an off-peak time, the match shall be played at a peak time.

It will be the responsibility of the **first drawn player** to offer three dates for the match to be played. That contact **should** be made within 10 days of the commencement of the round, and contact **should** be acknowledged by the other player within 4 days.

If the match is not played due to failure to make contact or acknowledge that contact in accordance with this rule, or if one player advises the other that he is unable or unwilling to play before the stipulated closing date, that player will forfeit the match by default.

If, for any other reason, the match fails to take place by the specified closing date, both players will be disqualified. There will be **no extensions** to the specified closing dates, unless due to course or weather conditions and as declared by the Men's Section Committee.

10. Buggies may be used during any round of the Competition, subject to course conditions allowing, but no extension to the specified closing date will be granted on the basis that buggies were not allowed.
11. In the event of a dispute regarding the rules during a match, a player may choose to complete a hole with two balls without penalty, in accordance with the Rules of Golf. The players should advise the Golf Office, at the end of the round, of any dispute as to the score or result and ask for a ruling. If the Golf Office is

unable to make a ruling, then the Men's Section Captain and Vice-Captain will adjudicate, and their decision will be final and binding.

12. No official scorecards are required for this Competition, but it is recommended that both players keep a record of the scores to avoid or resolve any later dispute.
13. The winner of the Stewards Cup will be the player returning the lowest nett score, or winning the play-off, in the final.
14. Prizes will be awarded to the winner, runner-up and losing semi-finalists, as agreed and specified by the Men's Section Committee before the first-round draw based upon the number of entrants.

The winner will also qualify for the Champion of Champions competition in the next calendar year, and have his name added to the Men's Section honour board.
15. Players reaching the "round of 16" and beyond will be awarded points in the annual Order of Merit competition, in accordance with allocations agreed and published.
16. Scorecards are not valid for WHS scoring unless combined with a white tee competition. i.e Monthly Medal, Midweek Medal.