

## **BAWBURGH GOLF CLUB - MEN'S SECTION**

### **RULES FOR THE CLUB SCRATCH & HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023**

1. The Competition will be played on a date or dates to be determined by the Men's Section Committee. If the Competition must be abandoned or cancelled due to weather conditions on one or both days, it shall be rearranged or cancelled completely 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 consist of two concurrent events, the "Scratch Championship" and the "Handicap Championship". It will be open to all male members of Bawburgh Golf Club, except for juniors aged 10 or under, with an official WHS Handicap Index on Day 1 of the Competition, and **only** those who have played in at least **8 Handicap Qualifying Competitions**, 5 of which need to be played at BGC. (Appeals will be heard by MSC for any new members transferring in from away clubs, and new members, reviewing each case on its merits) during the 12 months prior to Day 1.
4. The Competition will consist of two rounds of 18-hole medal scoring over consecutive days, course and weather conditions permitting, and will be played from the white tees.

The England Golf Maximum Score guidance **will not** apply for this Competition.

5. The WHS Handicap Index for the "Handicap Championship" will be limited to 24.0, and players will be allocated a Playing Handicap based on 95% of their calculated Course Handicap on Day 1. Players with a higher Handicap Index may still enter but, will be required to use a Handicap Index of 24.0 when calculating their Course Handicap.

Handicap Indexes on Day 2 of the Competition will remain the same as were used for Day 1.

6. Players may enter their name on the booking system for Day 1 of the Competition once it becomes available, indicating their preferred tee-time period.

The order of play will be determined by a random draw within each tee-time period, carried out or overseen by the Men's Section Captain and/or Vice-Captain, and published by the Golf Office no later than 7 days in advance of the Competition.

Applications for an alternative tee-time and/or a late entry **must** be submitted to the Golf Office in writing and will only be considered if there is an available tee-time.

7. The entry fee, as specified by the Men's Section Committee, **must** be paid before playing Day 1 of the Competition; if not paid, then the player will not be entered in the Competition.
8. There will be no waiver of any additional green fee due payable by 5-day or non-peak members, nor will any concession be made to those who has a points membership by virtue of the fact that they need to use more points because of the time or times they are due play.
9. Play on Day 1 of the Competition must be in groups of no more than 3-balls, all starting from the first tee.

Only players with the lowest 66 nett scores and ties from Day 1 will be invited to play on Day 2. Tee-times for Day 2 will be confirmed and published by the Golf Office by no later than 8.00pm on Day 1.

Play on Day 2 must be in groups of no more than 3-balls, all starting from the first tee in reverse order based upon nett scores from Day 1.

The leading 9 players in the "Scratch Championship" shall go out in the last three tee-times on Day 2, starting from the first tee in reverse order, based upon their gross scores from Day 1.

If the competition is held on consecutive days, no practice or play on the course on Day 1, or between rounds, is permitted and any player ignoring this will be disqualified.

10. Players may use buggies during the Competition, subject to course conditions allowing.

11. In the event of a dispute regarding the rules during the Competition, a player may choose to complete a hole with two balls without penalty, in accordance with the Rules of Golf. The player should advise the Golf Office, at the end of the round, of any dispute as to the score 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. The player and marker should submit their scorecards after a ruling by the Golf Office or pending a decision by the Men's Section Captain and Vice-Captain.
12. **SCORECARDS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE GOLF OFFICE AFTER EACH ROUND VIA THE AGREED METHOD(S); FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**
13. The winner of the "Handicap Championship" will be the player returning the lowest combined nett score over the 36 holes. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the lowest nett score on Day 2. If tied, the winner will be determined by count-back on the Day 2 scorecard, being the last 9 holes, last 6, last 3, and last hole, and then the last 6, last 3 and last hole on the front nine. If still tied, the winner will be determined by the lowest nett score on count-back on the Day 1 scorecard.  
  
The winner of the "Scratch Championship" will be the player returning the lowest combined gross score over the 36 holes. In the event of a tie for first place, the winner will be determined by a 3-hole play-off over the 1st, 2nd and 18th holes. If not resolved, there will be a sudden-death play-off on the 18th hole until a winner is determined.
14. Prizes will be awarded to the winners, runners-up and other places in both events, as agreed and specified by the Men's Section Committee before the commencement of Day 1. Although players may win or be placed in the prizes in both events, they may only receive one prize based upon their best position in either event.  
  
The winners of both events will also qualify for the Champion of Champions competition in the next calendar year, and have their names added to the Men's Section honour board.
15. Scores on individual holes during both rounds of the Competition will be recorded for the annual Gross and Nett Eclectic competitions.