

**BAWBURGH GOLF CLUB - MEN'S SECTION**  
**RULES FOR THE BAWBURGH MASTERS 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 entirely 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 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 of the Competition.
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 in this Competition.

5. The Handicap Index for the Competition 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 on 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 have a points membership by virtue of the fact that they need to use more points because of the time of they are due to play.
9. Play on Day 1 of the Competition will be in groups of no more than 3-balls, 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 will be in groups of no more than 3-balls, starting from the first tee in reverse order, based upon nett 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.

(The Men's Section Committee, in agreement with Bawburgh Golf Club, may alter Day 2 to a shotgun start, in no more than 3-balls, with starting tees consecutively allocated based upon nett scores from Day 1, i.e., leaders on the first tee and so on, but it must give four weeks' notice to do so)

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 Bawburgh Masters 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 score on count-back on the Day 2 scorecard, being the last 9 holes, last 6, last 3, and last hole and, if still tied, 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.
14. Prizes will be awarded to the winner, runner-up and other places, as agreed and specified by the Men's Section Committee before the commencement of Day 1.  
  
The winner of the Bawburgh Masters 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. Scores on individual holes during both rounds of the Competition will be recorded for the annual Gross and Nett Eclectic competitions.