

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

### **RULES FOR THE SPOONER TROPHY**

1. The Competition will be played on a date to be determined by the Men's Section Committee. If the Competition has to be abandoned or cancelled due to weather conditions, 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 be open to all male members of Bawburgh Golf Club, except for juniors aged 10 or under, with an official WHS Handicap Index on the day of the Competition, but 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 the Competition will be entitled to win the trophy
4. The Competition will take the form of 18 holes medal scoring played from the white tees.  
The England Golf Maximum Score guidance **will not** apply for this Competition.
5. The WHS Handicap Index limit for the Competition will be 36.0, and players will be allocated a Playing Handicap based on 95% of their exact Course Handicap on the day of the Competition. Players with a higher Handicap Index may still enter but will be required to use a Handicap Index of 36.0.
6. Players may enter their name on the booking system for 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 4 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 in the Competition; if not paid, 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 they are due to play.
9. Play in the Competition must be in groups of 2 or 3-balls, all starting from the first tee.
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 AT THE END OF THE ROUND VIA THE AGREED METHOD(S); FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**
13. The winner of the Spooner Trophy will be the player returning the lowest nett medal score over 18 holes. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the lowest nett medal score on count-back, being the last 9 holes, last 6, last 3 and last one and, if still tied, the last 6, last 3 and last hole on the front nine. If still tied, players on the same score will share the trophy and prize vouchers.
14. Prize Vouchers will be awarded to the winners, runners-up and other places in each division, as agreed and specified by the Men's Section Committee, based upon the number of entries.  
The winner of the Spooner Trophy will also receive an additional £20.00 prize voucher.
15. Scores on individual holes during the Competition will automatically be recorded for the annual Gross and Nett Eclectic competitions.
16. The players with the 20 lowest nett medal scores in the Competition will automatically be awarded points in the PG Order of Merit, in accordance with allocations agreed for that competition.
17. The winner will also qualify for the champion of champions played in the next calendar year.

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