

5. COMPETITION RULES

The Rules of Golf and Golf Equipment of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews shall apply with the addition of any permissible Local Rules made by the Golf and Membership Committee.

Bury St Edmund's Club Championship

All members are entitled to enter this competition, but the winner will be a member who has designated Bury St Edmunds as their home club for handicap purposes, and also qualifies under the rules 5b.

Knock Out Match Play Competitions

- a It is the responsibility of all competitors to acquaint themselves with the draw sheets.
www.burystedmundsgolfclub.co.uk and on club noticeboards.
- b Entry into Board and knock-out competitions is restricted to those members who hold a handicap Index and in the previous rolling 12 months prior to the closing date of the competition have completed the following:

From 2023 onwards entrants must have submitted 6 cards in the previous rolling 12 months, either to the closing date for entries for knockouts, or the competition date for Strokeplay events. These cards need to be made up of a minimum of 3 competition cards from Bury St Edmunds Golf Club events and 3 others, either competitions or casual rounds.

For new members joining during the year competition cards from their previous club will count.

All 3 cards submitted must total 54 holes
All 9 cards submitted must total 162 holes
- c All competitors should approach the arrangement of ties with fairness and flexibility.
- d Competitors should be available to play both weekends and weekdays. If you cannot do this, you must seriously consider whether you should enter the draw.
- e All competitors are responsible for ensuring matches are completed within the stipulated time.
- f Extensions will only be granted for course closures due to bad weather-

Substitutions may be made for a partner at the Committee's discretion and before the completion of the first round.
- g Prior to the start of each match, competitors must agree on the form of resolution in the event of a draw. This must be sudden-death play-off, or a replay. Sudden-death play brought to close by bad light will continue from the point play stopped once play begins again. (in the case of a sudden death play-off, a competition can filter in on the first tee).
- h The winners of each match are responsible for entering the result on the draw sheet by the closing date for that round. In the absence of any result being entered on the draw sheet by the closing date of that round, both sets of competitors will be eliminated.
- i If a course closure due to inclement weather happens, the closing date will be extended by one week for that particular round. If the closure is longer than a week a notification will be emailed by the pro shop to all members.
- j If a match is not completed by the closing date of a round, both sets of competitors will be eliminated.

Procedures for arranging a match:

- a Top player[s] **MUST** contact the bottom player[s] within the first week of the draw being published, or within the first week of the previous round ending.
- b They should offer at least 4 dates to play the match, including 2 weekdays (not in the same week) and 2 weekend dates (not in the same weekend).
- c The bottom player[s] is expected to accept one of these dates, or to negotiate a date acceptable to all players.
- d In extreme situations, the committee's representative i.e.: the professional will use and enforce.
- e If the bottom player[s] have not been contacted within the time at 5 a), they should report this to the Professional, and offer dates as in 5 b. The Professional will contact the top player[s] and offer these dates. The top player(s) **MUST** accept one of these dates or forfeit the match.

Stroke Play Competition

- a Competitors in Stableford and par competitions must pick up their ball when no points can be scored, or the hole is lost.
- b Ties in scratch stroke play competitions will be decided in accordance with the Competition Rule for that event.
- c Ties in handicap stroke play competitions will be decided as follows: 36-hole competitions – best score on the last round or count back in the following order 10 – 18, 13 – 18, 16 – 18, 17 – 18 and 18.
- d A member unable to participate in a competition for which he/she has entered should give notice to their partner and/or opponent and, in stroke play competitions, the Professional. Failure to notify the Professional in competitions for which a starting sheet has been posted may, at the discretion of the Handicap and Competitions Subcommittee, result in a ban of up to three months from competitions. No further entries will be accepted after the entry closing date.
- e Full details of the conditions for all competitions including methods of deciding ties and allocating prizes will be posted in the Pro Shop or Club Office.
- f A member, who has chosen a tee time, may not withdraw from that tee time and play in the same competition at an alternative time in the day.
- g In a competition that includes both published tee times and free play, then free play is only permitted after the published tee times.
- h Each competition is covered by its own specific rules and reference should be made to those rules.