

Esmond Trophy 2009 Tournament Rules

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. The Tournament shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R & A Rules Limited and with the Local Rules as approved by the Tournament Committee.
2. The Tournament will be under the charge of the Tournament Committee to whom all disputes will be referred and whose decision will be final. The Committee reserves the right to amend the Tournament Rules at any time.
3. The Tournament will comprise 18 holes of strokeplay on Saturday 4th July 2009 from 8am to 3.30pm. The following prizes will be awarded:
 - (i) Lowest Scratch Score – Gold Gilt Medal and Prize Voucher
 - (ii) Lowest Nett Score – Silver Gilt Medal and Prize Voucher

The 32 competitors returning the lowest net scores over these 18 holes will qualify for the matchplay stages with an 18 hole final. There will be no seeding in the matchplay draw.

The matchplay rounds are as follows:

First Round	Monday 6 th July from 5.30pm until 6.12pm
First Round	Tuesday 7 th July from 5.30pm until 6.12 pm
Second Round	Thursday 9 th July from 5.30pm until 6.12pm
Quarter-Finals	Tuesday 14 th July from 6.00pm until 6.18pm
Semi-Finals	Friday 17 th July 6.00pm and 6.06pm
18 Hole Final	Sunday 19 th July 9.30am

In the event of a tie for the qualifying places these will be decided on the scores returned on the last 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 2 or 1 hole) of the qualifying round. If a tie still arises, the scores on the first 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 2 or 1 hole) will be used to determine the qualifier(s). Any ties are resolved on a nett basis. If still tied, the Committee will determine the qualifier(s) by some other means.

4. The winner of the Tournament shall receive the Esmond Trophy, a Gold Gilt Medal and a Prize Voucher. The Trophy shall be held by the Winner/by the club from which he entered. It shall be the Winner's responsibility to ensure that the Trophy is returned to the Tournament Secretary at least six weeks prior to the next Tournament. The Runner-up shall receive the Esmond Salver, a Silver Gilt Medal and a Prize Voucher. The Salver shall be held by the Runner-up/by the club from which he entered. It shall be the Runner-up's responsibility to ensure that the Salver is returned to the Tournament Secretary at least six weeks prior to the next Tournament. Bronze Gilt Medals and Prize Vouchers will be awarded to the semi-finalists. Prize Vouchers will be awarded to the quarter-finalists.
5. Should a competitor find it necessary to withdraw from the matchplay stages a reserve shall be substituted from the published list of reserves providing the Tournament Secretary is advised of the withdrawal prior to 12 noon on 6th July 2009. Withdrawals made after this time will result in the match being forfeited.
6. Where a competitor qualifies for the matchplay rounds he shall play off his handicap correct as at the close of play immediately after the qualifying round for the remainder of the Tournament.

7. Each matchplay round shall consist of 18 holes. In the event of a halved match, competitors will continue to play until one competitor gains a hole, thus winning a match. In the event that bad light or bad weather suspends play, play will re-commence at such time as the Committee shall decide.
8. During any round of the Tournament a competitor may not use a motorised vehicle unless specifically authorised by the Tournament Committee. Caddies are not permitted during the Qualifying Round but will be permitted during the matchplay stages.

QUALIFICATION

To be eligible entrants must:

1. be male at birth and be of Amateur Status as defined by R & A Rules Limited.
2. be over 16 years of age on 1st January 2009.
3. be a full member of a golf club located within the local government boundaries of East Lothian.
4. be in possession of a handicap not exceeding twelve strokes under the current CONGU Unified Handicapping System. Please note that entrants who have a handicap greater than twelve will be restricted to this limit.

ENTRIES

1. Competitors must lodge their names and addresses with the Tournament Secretary together with a note of their Handicap, certified by the Secretary or their home club. Entries will close at 6pm on Friday 26th June 2009 or earlier if the limit of 125 entries is reached. Late entries will be accepted up to 12 noon on 2nd July 2009.
2. There will be an entry fee of £12 which must be sent with the entry form. Cheques should be made payable to "Bass Rock Golf Club".
3. A maximum field of 125 competitors will compete in the Tournament. In the event of over-entry, entries will be accepted on a first come first in basis. Entrants who fail to gain entry will be allocated to a reserve list by order of date of application. Entry fees will be refunded to entrants who fail to gain entry.
4. In the event of a competitor having to withdraw after the closing date the entry fee will not be refunded.
5. All entries are subject to the approval of the Tournament Committee who reserve the right to refuse or accept, or having accepted subsequently reject any entry and shall not be called upon to give any reason for their action.
6. The draw for the Qualifying Round and the Matchplay stages will be posted in The North Berwick Golf Club and the North Berwick West Links Starter's Lodge.
7. After the final and the prizegiving the finalists and the medal winners from the qualifying round are invited to joint the Tournament Committee and other guests for lunch in The North Berwick Golf Club. Finalists are requested to wear jacket, collar and tie for the presentation after the final.

REGISTRATION

1. All Competitors must register with the Starter's Lodges at least 5 minutes prior to their allocated tee-time. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.