2026 - BOYS ORDER OF MERIT - BOOM

Holders

***SCRATCH:* JAMES ANDREWS - LETCHWORTH**

***HANDICAP:* GRAYSON GADSBY - ROYSTON**

BOOM 2026 - QUALIFYING TERMS

1. The Boys Order of Merit (BOOM) is an annual competition open to boys who are members of a club affiliated to Hertfordshire Golf who play in qualifying events.
2. A Junior Open for Boys, of 18 or 36 holes, played under **Stroke Play** format, will qualify for merit points in the BOOM table when run by a golf club affiliated to Hertfordshire Golf. Club closed competitions are not accepted.
3. To obtain approval for a Junior Open to be a BOOM qualifying competition, a club **must notify the Hertfordshire Golf office of the event date and forward a copy of their entry form and qualification conditions no later than 28 days prior to their event**. Club entry forms will then be displayed on the county website for interested competitors.
4. Points will be awarded in both **SCRATCH** and **HANDICAP BOOM** table in descending value to competitors finishing in the top 25 places in a 36-hole competition, and top 20 places in an 18-hole competition: and in addition, for the **SCRATCH BOOM**, to the top 40 places in the Hertfordshire Boys County Championship. Points are based on **SCRATCH and HANDICAP** score final position places, (i.e., for Boys County Championship - 40 points will be awarded for 1st place down to 1 point for 40th place - shared positions in all competitions will be awarded full points, i.e., there are no card count-back to determine place points. Competitors who are members of clubs not affiliated to Hertfordshire Golf who occupy a merit point position place remain in the open competition result sheet, but will not appear in either table, i.e., BOOM qualifying competitors do not improve their position place in the results for that competition.
5. Junior Opens must have a maximum age limit of Under 18 years prior to 1st January of the year of the competition however, an under 14's or 16's age competition, girls' competition, or the like, may be run within the open competition. The final overall gross and nett score order must contain the entire field of all competitors to allow BOOM points to be allocated.
6. Boys must be under 18 years at 00.00 hours on 1 January of the year of the event.
7. Clubs must return all competition scores, including handicaps, player's HOME club, and final order result sheets (with Gross and Nett scores) to the county office ADMIN Department within 28 days following the completion of the event.
8. There is no limit to the number of junior opens competitors may enter in order to receive points in the **SCRATCH** and **HANDICAP** merit table.
9. The R & A Rules of Golf shall apply in all qualifying Junior Open competitions.
10. Order of Merit tables will operate for approved events staged within the calendar year. If a competitor submits a "no return" or is disqualified in any qualifying competition, he will not be eligible for any position place points in the merit table for that event.
11. The winner of the annual **SCRATCH BOOM** will be the boy with the six best-combined **SCRATCH** position points in junior opens plus his Boys County Championship position points. He will be awarded the Hertfordshire Boys Order of Merit Scratch Trophy (N.E. Foster Cup), which he will retain for twelve months, plus a memento prize.
12. The winner of the annual **HANDICAP BOOM** will be the boy with the six best-combined **HANDICAP** finishing position points in junior opens. He will be awarded the Hertfordshire Boys Order of Merit Handicap Trophy (C.G. James Cup), which he will retain for twelve months, plus a memento prize.
13. Trophies will be presented at the **Annual Volunteer & Awards Dinner of Hertfordshire Golf**. In the event of a tie, there will be a count-back with the higher number of their best six, then five, four, three, two, or one position in all competitions to determine a winner. Competitors may only win one trophy and The SCRATCH BOOM has the higher status.
14. Hertfordshire Golf will maintain a **SCRATCH** and **HANDICAP** merit table from the results received which will be displayed on the Hertfordshire Golf web site under the **Juniors** section –www.hertfordshiregolf.org
15. In the event of any disputes the decision of the Hertfordshire Golf Player Performance Committee will be final.
16. Results to be forwarded either, by post to Mr Matthew Crowhurst at the county office or via email to cdo@hertfordshiregolf.org