2026 JUNIOR ORDER OF MERIT GOOM

QUALIFYING TERMS

Holders

GIRLS SCRATCH: TALA CLARKE - Knebworth. **GIRLS HANDICAP: AMELIA PARKER - Letchworth.**

1. The Girls Junior Order of Merit (GOOM) is an annual competition open to girls who must be members of a club affiliated to Hertfordshire Golf.
2. A Junior Open of 18 or 36 holes, played under Stroke Play format, will qualify for merit points in the GOOM tables when run by a golf club affiliated to Hertfordshire Golf. A Clubs closed competitions are not accepted.
3. To obtain approval for a Junior Open to be an order of merit qualifying competition, a club should notify the Hertfordshire Golf office of their event date and forward a copy of their entry form or website link and qualification conditions of the event. The Clubs Junior Open will then be displayed on the county website.
4. Points will be awarded in both the scratch and handicap tables in descending value to competitors finishing in the top 10 places in a 36-hole competition, and top 10 places in an 18-hole competition; and in addition, the top 10 places in the respective Hertfordshire Girls County Championship, Spring and Autumn Meetings.
5. Junior Opens must have a maximum age limit of Under 18 years old prior to 1st January of the year of the competition.The final overall gross and nett score order must contain the entire field of all competitors to allow GOOM points to be allocated.
6. Players must be under 18 years old at 00.00 hours on 1 January of the year of the event.
7. Clubs must return all competitors scores, home club, and final order result sheet (with Gross and Nett scores) to the county office as soon as possible following the completion of the event.
8. There is no limit to the number of qualifying Junior Opens a competitor may enter 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 GOOM will be the player with the six best-combined scratch position points in Junior Oens and County Championships. They will be awarded the Hertfordshire Order of Merit Scratch Trophy, which they will retain for twelve months, plus a memento.
12. The winner of the annual Handicap GOOM will be the player with the six best-combined handicap finishing position points in Junior Opens and County Championships. They will be awarded the Hertfordshire Order of Merit Handicap Trophy, which they will retain for twelve months, plus a memento.
13. Trophies will be presented at the Hertfordshire Golf Annual Volunteers Dinner 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 GOOM has the higher status. In the event of any disputes the decision of Hertfordshire Golf will be final.
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 tab. www.hertfordshiregolf.org
15. Results should be forwarded to the county office via email to cdo@hertfordshiregolf.org