



Seaford Head Scratch Order of Merit 2025 Sponsored by Golf Villa Rentals

Top 5 players in the Order of Merit will qualify to play in the 2026 scratch team

Order of Merit will run from April 2025 to March 2026 handicap limit of 14.4

20 Qualifying events over 2025/26

- x12 monthly medals April 2025 to March 2026
- x4 Club events
- x4 Majors (Majors are double points)

Points system:

- 160 points lowest gross down to 10 points for 16th place
- x4 Majors are double points
- Leading 5 players will automatically qualify to play in the Scratch team for the first match of 2026
- Top 5 players at any point in the season will play in the scratch team. This will be determined 1 month prior to the match, if places change after the 1st month before, the top 5 players will be picked based on the next match, this also includes any friendly matches arranged for 2025
- There will be no count backs if scores are tied then points are combined and split over however many golfers have tied

Qualifying Criteria:

- In order to qualify for the OOM you will need to be a member of Seaford Head Golf Club and be of a handicap of 14.4 or lower
- After the AGM every golf under the handicap of 14.4 will be invited to join the OOM
- You can join the OOM at any point during the year if you get your handicap under 14.4 but you will be joining the on 0 points
- If your handicap is 14.4 and you enter the OOM but during the season it goes above 14.4 you can still continue to play in the OOM but your handicap will need to be 14.4 or better to enter again for the following season.

Qualifying Events:

· x12 Monthly Medals – Only 1 weekend day will count Saturday or Sunday, no mid week medals.

If people play on the Saturday only, i will take there Saturday score.

If people play on the Sunday only i will take there Sunday score.

If you plan on playing both Saturday and Sunday, then you MUST nominate to Paul Jones which day you want your OOM score to count before Saturday. If i don't hear from you and you play both days, then i will just take your gross score for Saturdays round.

· x4 Club competitions – Lowest Gross 160 points down to 16th spot at 10 points

Majors:

· Club Championship June 2025 – Lowest gross over 2 days 320 points down to 16th place at 20 points open to all members of the club

· Gold Medal September 2025 – Lowest gross over 18 holes, 320 points for 1st down to 20 points for 16th. Handicap limit of 14.4 to enter, open to all members of the Order of Merit only

· Scratch Foursomes August 2025 – To qualify for this you have to be in the top 32 of the Order of Merit, 18 hole scratch foursomes event, 320 points to each player in winning team points down to 16th place. Teams will be picked as follows, 1st place OOM will partner 32nd place – 2nd place partners 31st - 3rd place partners 30th etc

· Scratch K/O July to October 2025 – only the top 16 in the OOM will qualify for this, 1st round will be played in July – QF in August – SF in September – Final in October. Draw will be done on the last week of June 2025 and places will be determined on the current OOM ranking as of that date. Points for this event will be as follows: The 8 players that get knocked out in the 1st round will get 90 points each – The 4 player that get knocked out in the QF will get 210 points each – The 2 players that's get knocked out in the SF will get 270 points each – Losing finalist will get 300 points, winner will get 320 points.

Golf Villa Rentals will Sponsor the Order of Merit with £1250 this will go towards the below events and on the players account in the pro shop:

Order of Merit End date of 31st of March 2026

· 1st place £300

· 2nd place £200

· 3rd place £100

Scratch Knockout

· 1st place £100

· 2nd place £50

Scratch Foursomes Trophy

· Winning pair £100 each

Gold Medal

· 1st place £150

· 2nd place £100

· 3rd place £50

Schedule for 2025/6 Order of Merit:

x12 monthly medals:

April 2026 to March 2026

x4 club events

27th of April - Seaford Challenge Cup

23rd - 24th 25th of May Millennium Cup (can play on any day but only 1 round will count and that will be the first round you play)

6th of July - Hutchins Bowl

21st of September - Chamber of Commerce

Majors:

7th and 8th of June - Club Championship

July - Scratch K/O starts - Draw for this will be done on the 23rd of June 1 day after the June Monthly Medal top 16 in OOM Qualify

16th of August - Scratch Foursomes Trophy - top 32 in order of merit will qualify - Draw to be done 1 day after the monthly medal on the 14th of July

14th of September - Gold Medal - Open to all OOM players

Please don't think that this is set up for the better golfers to dominate, this is not the case, with the point system in place and the number of qualifying events this gives every golfer in the OOM a good chance of progressing to the top 5 spots, for an example if a 10 handicapper has a solid season and plays x12 medals and the x4 club comps, averages between a 74 and 79 gross they will be picking up on average 100 points per event, that's 1600 points, then a couple of good finishes in the majors and you will be contending for that OOM winning spot. What we are trying to achieve here is a solid platform for our scratch team and having x5 players at any given time that are guaranteed there spots due to merit and form. This, with the Manger/Captains x3 picks will always give us the best team we have at any given time.

Please do enter this OOM, its free to entre and backed by the club and Fraser, we all want to create a fun but competitive environment for our lower handicaps and we want YOU to challenge yourself and see how far and good you can be.

The ultimate goal for the 2025/26 season is to create a solid and competitive platform for golfers to progress and battle it out for that top 5 spots to represent your club at the highest level in the Scratch Team, there will be 5 spots available and earned via merit

and form then x3 managers/captains picks. We believe this is also a great platform for progression for the 15 plus handicappers to improve and have a reward to enter the OOM for the following season. This is a fun but serious concept for the lower handicappers and we believe this will also attract new golfers to the club for 2026.

The OOM will start on the April monthly medal, so please let Paul Jones know on the below details if you want to be entered into this fantastic event for 2025/26

Please email paul@golfvillarentals.com if you want to be entered into this stating your name and handicap and he will add you to the OOM ready for the first qualifying event in April 2025.

Good luck and i hope we can have your support on this new concept.