

R&A

GIRLS AMATEUR

CHAMPIONSHIP

SOUTHPORT & AINSDALE

11 to 15 August 2020

Closing Date for Entries Monday 20 July 2020

Entry Fee £50

TERMS OF COMPETITION

I. ENTRIES

a) By submitting an entry for this Championship you are entering into an agreement with R&A Championships Limited (Company number SC247047), having its registered office at Beach House, Golf Place, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9JA ('The R&A') and you agree to be bound by these Terms of Competition. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that she has read and complies with these Terms of Competition.

b) The Championship shall be open to players of the female gender born in any year from and including 2002 who (i) are members of a recognised golf club; (ii) have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Amateur Status Rules of R&A Rules Limited; (iii) hold a World Handicap System (WHS) Handicap Index of not more than 3.4 at date of entry. In the absence of a WHS Handicap Index a current exact CONGU Competition Handicap of not more than 3.4, or overseas equivalent, at date of entry will be accepted.

Entrants holding both a WHS Handicap Index and a CONGU Competition Handicap or an overseas authority handicap must enter the Championship using their WHS Handicap Index. The penalty for failure to enter the Championship in compliance with this Term of Competition is disqualification.

Entrants without a WHS Handicap Index but who hold both a CONGU Competition Handicap and overseas authority handicap must enter the Championship using their CONGU Competition Handicap. The CONGU Competition Handicap maintained by the entrant's "Home" club must and will be used for all purposes. The penalty for failure to enter the Championship in compliance with this Term of Competition is disqualification.

c) One entry per player must be submitted electronically via randa.org and must be received by close of entries i.e. 23:59hrs BST on Monday 20 July 2020. Entries by telephone will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that their online entry is completed successfully, and all contact details are accurate. Late entries will not be accepted. In the event of duplicate entries being submitted, the first entry will be used for all purposes. Duplicate entry fees that have been collected by The R&A will be refunded but may be subject to the deduction of a £10 sterling administration fee. Entry fees will be refunded if intimation of withdrawal is received on or before close of entries. Please note a service charge of £10 sterling may be deducted. After close of entries, entry fees will only be refunded in full to entrants who do not gain a place in the starting field. Any refund of entry fees will be processed within 28 days of the final day of the Championship to the card of original payment. If an entrant withdraws before or after close of entries, their withdrawal is final, and re-entry will not be permitted.

d) Entrants may notify The R&A of any reduction in handicap before close of entries. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that their exact handicap/handicap index is up to date and any handicap changes have been received and subsequently adjusted prior to close of entries. Any alterations must be notified by email to amateurentries@randa.org. The exact handicap/handicap index at close of entries will be used for the purposes of the ballot and subsequent handicap changes will be disregarded. Those entrants balloted out will be placed on a reserve list in order of handicap at close of entry. Unsuccessful entrants will have their entry fees refunded.

e) Acceptance of an online entry does not guarantee a place in the starting field. Entrants successful in gaining a place in the starting field will be advised after close of entries. The R&A will not be liable to pay any money to an entrant by way of compensation for any cost or expense incurred prior to the starting field being confirmed.

- f) All entries are subject to the approval of the Committee, which reserves the right to disqualify any person making a false statement in their online entry and/or to accept or refuse or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision. The Committee may request the Certificate of Birth of any entrant before or during the Championship.
- g) All competitors must participate in the Championship in its entirety. Failure to do so may result in future entries being rejected.
- h) All competitors are subject to the provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy. Details of the Policy, and the current List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation's website (www.igfgolf.org). Entrants who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from The R&A or the IGF knowing that, should a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) be required this must be submitted to the IGF not later than 30 days before the start of the Championship.

2. FORMAT

- a) The starting field will comprise 144 competitors.

Any entrant named in the following category will be allocated a place in the starting field:

- (i) The top 4 competitors in the 2020 R&A Girls U16 Amateur Championship.
 - (ii) Playing members of the winning team in the 2020 Queen Sirikit Cup.
- b) After allocating places to entrants under Term of Competition 2 a) the starting field will be completed by entrants with the lowest exact handicap/handicap index. In the event of a tie, the 144th place shall be decided by ballot, which shall take place immediately after close of entries. Those entrants balloted out will be placed on a reserve list.
 - c) The Committee reserves the right to exempt a player.
 - d) A competitor whose withdrawal is not notified by close of registration or who is absent from the Championship without notice of her withdrawal will have her entries to all R&A Championships rejected for the next calendar year. Exceptions may be made in the case of sickness and other special circumstances at the discretion of the Committee. If an entrant withdraws before or after close of entries, the withdrawal is final and re-entry will not be allowed.
 - e) Competitors must register in person with The R&A on site, no later than 1400 hours on the day prior to commencement of the Championship. Penalty for Breach - Disqualification. Telephone calls may be accepted in exceptional circumstances. Each competitor must produce a current World Handicap System or CONGU Handicap Certificate, or overseas equivalent, at registration.
 - f) Entrants must be of the female gender and have been female at birth or have had the female gender assigned. For the avoidance of doubt, The R&A reserves the right to carry out a confidential case-by-case evaluation of whether the competitor's participation is likely to lead to unfair competition at any time either prior to or after the Championship if in its reasonable opinion such an evaluation is or becomes necessary. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor who does not meet the requirements for entry to the Championship.
 - g) The Championship shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules as approved by the Committee.
 - h) The Modified Rules for Players with Disabilities are in effect. To allow The R&A time to consider an application, a golfer who wishes to play under the Modified Rules should contact amateurentries@randa.org at the time of entry, and no later than 7 days prior to Tuesday 11 August, to advise of their wish to use the Modified Rules.
 - i) The Model Local Rules in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads, Conforming Golf Balls and Groove and Punch Mark Specifications.
 - j) Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. A player must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Committee. The R&A will only consider requests for use of motorised transportation where (i) the player making the request has a disability and (ii) the player can demonstrate that there is a medical need for transportation that results from that disability. Any requests by a player to use any form of transportation must be made not less than 60 days in advance of the Championship. All requests must be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in The R&A's Transportation Policy, available on request from The R&A.
 - k) A player is prohibited from having a caddie during a round. Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:
The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which she is helped by a caddie.
If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.

A player having a caddie in breach of this Local Rule must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that she conforms with this Local Rule for the remainder of the round. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

- l) A copy of the Pace of Play Policy will be posted at the Championship venue and will be available on request.
- m) One round of 18 holes shall be played on each of the first two days, for which one draw shall be made. The competitors returning the 64 lowest scores over 36 holes shall qualify for match play. Ties for the last place(s) and all other ties for the automatic draw shall be decided by card countback using the 18 hole second round score. If still a tie, scores for the second 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 1) of the second round will be used. If a tie still arises, the last 6 holes of the first 9 holes (or 3 or 1) of the second round will be used. If necessary, the first round will then be treated in the same way. If no decision is reached, the Committee shall make a final decision.
- n) Team Award - any country may nominate a team of two or three competitors, the two lowest scores in each qualifying round to count. Team nominations must be submitted on the official entry form, signed by an official of the competitor's National Association and reach The R&A no later than 7 days after close of entries. Should one or more of the nominated competitors be incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence, the nominated reserve or reserves may be substituted, in order of selection, up to the advertised time of starting of the affected competitor or competitors.
- o) Each match will consist of one round of 18 holes. The round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.
- p) Immediately after the match is finished, the winner must sign the official result card and give the result to an appointed official or return the card immediately to The R&A Championship Office. Failure to comply with this Term of Competition may lead to disqualification.

3. PRIZES

- a) The Challenge Cup will be presented to the winner. The winner will be the R&A Girls Amateur Champion and will receive a gold medal.
- b) The Leven Trophy will be presented to the runner-up. The winner will receive a silver medal.

The losing semi-finalists will each receive a bronze medal.
- c) The Lady Heathcoat-Amory Memorial Medal will be presented to the competitor returning the lowest score for the 36 holes in the stroke play qualifying. Ties will be decided by a card count back using the 18 hole second round score. If still a tie, the last 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 1) will be used. If a tie still arises, the scores for the first 9 holes will be treated in the same way. If a tie still arises, the 18 hole first round score will be treated in the same way until a decision is reached. If still a tie the place will be shared.
- d) The Todd Bowl will be presented to the competitor under 16 years of age returning the lowest score for the 36 holes of the qualifying rounds. In the event of a tie the card count back procedure detailed in 3c) above will apply.
- e) The Fairhaven Pheasant will be presented to the competitor under 14 years of age returning the lowest score for the 36 holes of the qualifying rounds. In the event of a tie the card count back procedure detailed in 3c) above will apply.
- f) The Team Award Trophy will be presented to the team with the lowest aggregate score for the qualifying rounds. Ties will be decided by card count back using the aggregate of the lowest 18 hole second round scores. If still a tie, the aggregate score for the second 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 1) of the second round will be used. If still a tie the place(s) shall be shared.

4. GENERAL

- a) The R&A will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense suffered by a competitor which was not reasonably foreseeable when participation was confirmed after the closing date, and/or was not directly caused by The R&A.
- b) If a competitor acts contrary to the spirit of the game, the Committee will take appropriate action which may include reporting the facts to the competitor's Federation/National Association. If the competitor is considered to have committed serious misconduct the competitor may be disqualified.
- c) All competitors are subject to the provisions of The R&A's Anti-Corruption and Betting Policy in force at the date of the Championship.
- d) The R&A seeks media coverage and publicity for the R&A Girls Amateur Championship around and during the Championship in the press and by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting and filming and on the internet. Each competitor by entering the

Championship and thereby agreeing to these Terms of Competition assigns to The R&A and its assignees and licensees the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, edit, exhibit and reproduce in any way now known or hereafter devised for commercial and/or other purposes from time to time and at their discretion, motion pictures, still pictures, live taped or filmed television, sound recordings and any other reproductions of any description of the competitor and/or their caddie (if applicable) made during or in connection with the Championship (including, without limitation, during practice and play) without compensation for the competitor or caddie or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor or caddie. The competitor also assigns to The R&A the right to use and reproduce the competitor and/or their caddie's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised, without compensation for the competitor or caddie or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor or caddie including in circumstances where it may include the logo of a third party or of a sponsor or patron of the Championship or any subsequent Championship or any other activities undertaken by The R&A. Competitors shall be responsible for ensuring that they hold all the necessary rights to grant the above assignments, including appropriate agreements with their caddies. Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of rights, The R&A and its assignees and licensees agree that, other than as permitted above, they will not authorise any company contractually associated with The R&A to use the competitor's or caddie's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in a way which constitutes the endorsement of a product or service, without first requiring such associated company to obtain the competitor's authorisation. The R&A may also use any image of the competitor taken at the Championship to populate the relevant pages of the WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING® website at wagr.com.

- e) All Championship information including a list of accepted entries may be viewed at www.randa.org.
- f) The Committee's objective is to complete the Championship as per the format outlined in these Terms of Competition. The Committee reserves the right to amend these Terms of Competition at any time including the right to arrange and/or alter starting times. The decision of the Committee is final in all matters.
- g) These Terms of Competition will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of Scotland.

MARTIN SLUMBERS *Chief Executive*