

# The 2018 Girls' Under 16 Open Championship

FULFORD

27 – 29 April 2018

**Closing Date for Entries Wednesday 4 April 2018**

## 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 and conditions ('Conditions'). References in these conditions to decisions of the Committee are to decisions taken by the Amateur Events Committee on behalf of The R&A. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that she has read and complies with these Conditions.
- b) The Championship shall be open to players of the female gender under the age of 16 at 00.00 hours on 1 January 2018 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 and iii) hold a current CONGU Competition Handicap or overseas equivalent, at date of entry.
- c) One entry per player must be submitted electronically via the R&A website [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org) and must be received by close of entries i.e. 23:59hrs GMT on Wednesday 4 April 2018. Entries by telephone will not be accepted. It is the entrants' responsibility to ensure that her 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 issued within 28 days of the final day of the Championship by the method of initial payment. If an entrant withdraws before or after the closure of entries, their withdrawal is final, and re-entry will not be permitted.
- d) Players may notify The R&A of any reduction in handicap before the closing date for entries. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that their exact handicap is up to date and any handicap changes have been received and subsequently adjusted prior to the closing date. Any alterations must be notified by email to The R&A Amateur Events Department ([amateurentries@randa.org](mailto:amateurentries@randa.org)). The handicap at the closing date 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 waiting list in order of handicap at close of entry. Unsuccessful entrants will have their entry fees refunded.
- e) Competitors holding 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 player's 'Home' club must and will be used for all purposes. Penalty for failure to enter in compliance with this condition – Disqualification.
- f) Acceptance of an online entry does not guarantee a place in the starting field. Players successful in gaining a place in the starting field will be advised after the entry closing date. The R&A will not be liable to pay any money to you by way of compensation for any cost or expense incurred prior to the starting field being confirmed.
- g) All entries are subject to the approval of the Committee, which reserves the right to disqualify any competitor making a false statement on her online entry and to accept or refuse or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision.
- h) All players must compete in the Championship in its entirety. Failure to do so may result in future entries being rejected.
- i) All players 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.igf.com](http://www.igf.com)). Players 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 90 players. In the event of entries exceeding this number, the 90 players with the lowest Exact Handicaps will be accepted. In the event of a tie, the 90th place shall be decided by ballot, which shall take place immediately after the entries closing date. Those entrants balloted out will be placed on a waiting list. Unsuccessful entrants will have their entry fees refunded.
- b) The Committee reserves the right to exempt a player.

- c) 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 case of sickness and other special circumstances at the discretion of the Committee. When a competitor has withdrawn due to sickness or injury she must submit an authorised medical certificate to the Amateur Entries Department within seven days otherwise the competitor shall be liable to have future entries scrutinised which may result in them being rejected. If an entrant withdraws before or after the closure of entries, their withdrawal is final and re-entry will not be allowed.
- d) 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 CONGU Handicap Certificate, or overseas equivalent, at registration. Penalty for failure to produce verification of current handicap before completion of the first round – Disqualification.
- e) Players 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 at any time either prior to or after the Championship if in its reasonable opinion such an evaluation is or becomes necessary. Any player in breach of this condition may be disqualified.
- f) 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.
- g) The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads and Conforming Golf Balls. The specimen condition in Decision 4-1/1 of Decision on the Rules of Golf is in effect for Grooves and Punch Marks.
- h) Competitors shall walk at all times during a stipulated round and must not ride on any form of transportation unless permitted to ride by the Committee.
- i) A player is prohibited from having a caddie during the stipulated round. Penalty for Breach of Condition:  
Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes.  
In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.  
A player having a caddie in breach of this condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that she conforms with this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise the player is disqualified
- j) A copy of the pace of play conditions will be posted at the Championship venue and will be available on request.
- k) The Championship shall consist of 54 holes stroke play. One round of 18 holes shall be played on each day. The groups and starting times for the second round shall be determined by the scores on the first day, players with the lowest scores starting first. The pairings and starting times for the final round shall be determined by the 36 hole total with the players with the lowest scores starting last. There will be no cut.

## 2. PRIZES

- a) The Angela Uzielli Trophy shall be awarded to the player returning the lowest score for the 54 holes. The winner shall be The Girls' Under 16 Open Champion and shall also receive a silver medal and a voucher. In the event of a tie for the Championship there shall be a hole-by-hole play-off immediately after the final card has been returned to determine the winner.

Vouchers shall be awarded to the players in 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions.

- b) The Liz Pook Trophy shall be awarded to the player under 14 years of age returning the lowest score for the 54 holes. The winner shall also receive a voucher.
- c) A voucher shall be awarded to the player under 12 years of age returning the lowest score for the 54 holes.
- d) A voucher shall be awarded to the player returning the lowest 18 hole score in each round of the Championship
- e) All ties, except in determining the winner of the Championship, shall be decided by card count back using the 18 hole third round score (followed by 9, 6, 3 or 1 of that round). If still a tie, the 18 hole second round score (followed by 9, 6, 3 or 1 of that round) will be used. If a tie still arises, the 18 hole first round score (followed by 9, 6, 3, or 1 of that round) will be used.
- f) In the event of an unresolved tie, voucher values will be shared equally.
- g) A player who does not record an apology for her absence at the prize presentation shall not receive her voucher. The voucher shall be donated to Charity.

## 4. GENERAL

- a) The R&A will not be liable to pay any money to you by way of compensation for any loss, damage, cost or expense suffered by you which was not reasonably foreseeable when your participation was confirmed after the closing date, and/or was not caused by The R&A.

- b) If a player is found to have breached Etiquette, the Committee will take appropriate action which may include reporting the facts to the player's Federation/National Association. If the breach is considered to be serious, the player 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) R&A Championships Limited seeks media coverage and publicity for the Girls' Under 16 Open Championship around and during the Championship via both the written press and via broadcast and audio-visual media. Each competitor by entering the Championship and by agreeing to these terms and conditions assigns to R&A Championships Limited and its assignees and licensees the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, edit, exhibit and reproduce (and to authorise others to do so) in any and all media (whether Press, radio, television, internet or otherwise), whether now known or hereafter devised for commercial and/or other purposes from time to time and at their discretion, any and all pictures, coverage, recordings and any other reproductions of any description of the competitor made during or in connection with the Championship (including, without limitation, during practice and play) without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor. The competitor also assigns the right to use and reproduce their name, voice, likeness and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised by R&A Championships Limited for the purpose of promoting the Championship and any subsequent Championships, without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor 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 R&A Championships Limited. Competitors shall be responsible for ensuring that their caddies (if applicable) will assign to R&A Championships Limited and its successors and licensees equivalent rights in relation to the caddie. Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of rights, R&A Championships Limited and its assignees and licensees agree that, other than as permitted above, they will not authorise any company contractually associated with R&A Championships Limited to use the competitor'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. R&A Championships Limited 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](http://wagr.com)
- e) All Championship information including a list of accepted entries may be viewed at [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org)
- f) The Committee's objective is to complete the Championship as per the format outlined in these Conditions. The Committee reserves the right to amend these Conditions 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 Conditions will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of Scotland.

MARTIN SLUMBERS *Chief Executive*