

R&A

THE AMATEUR

CHAMPIONSHIP



Royal Birkdale and West Lancashire

15 – 20 June 2020

Closing date for entries Thursday 14 May 2020

Entry Fee £90

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 he has read and complies with these Terms of Competition.
- b) The Championship shall be open to players of the male gender 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) are within WAGR® listing 1 – 2000 (see www.wagr.com) at date of entry; iv) hold a World Handicap System (WHS) Handicap Index of not more than +1.5 at date of entry. In the absence of a WHS Handicap Index a current exact CONGU Competition Handicap of not more than +1.5, 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 Thursday 14 May 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, the withdrawal is final and re-entry will not be permitted.
- d) The exact handicap/handicap index certified at date of entry will be used for all purposes. i.e. no change of handicap will be accepted, even if prior to the close of entries. Where an entry is made using the entrant's Centralised Database Handicap (CDH) number from the country of origin, it is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that their exact handicap/handicap index is up to date. For an entry to be accepted that has not been made using a CDH the entrant will be required to email their handicap certification immediately to amateurentries@randa.org. Failure to submit handicap certification by close of entries will result in an entry being rejected.
- e) Acceptance of an online entry or being within the WAGR® listing 1-2000 at date of 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 compensate an entrant 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 reasons for its decision.
- 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 288 competitors.

Any entrant named in one of the following categories will be allocated a place in the starting field:

- (i) Amateur Champions 2000 - 2019
US Amateur Champions 2010 - 2019
European Amateur Champions 2010 - 2019
Asia-Pacific Amateur Champions 2010 - 2019
Latin America Amateur Champions 2015 - 2020
 - (ii) The US Mid-Amateur Champion 2019
The Boys Amateur Champion 2019
 - (iii) Playing members of:
The 2019 Walker Cup Teams
The 2020 Bonallack Trophy Teams
The 2018 St Andrews Trophy Teams
 - (iv) Winners of WAGR® Category A&B Events ending in the period 13 May 2019 to 29 December 2019 and WAGR® Events with a Power Rating of 400 or greater ending in the period 30 December 2019 to 10 May 2020.
 - (v) Players who reached the last 32 of the Amateur Championship in 2019.
- b) After allocating places to entrants under Term of Competition 2 a), the starting field will be completed in order of WAGR® listing 1-2000 on completion of WAGR® week 2020/19 and, if still incomplete, by entrants using exact handicap/handicap index at date of entry. Unsuccessful entrants will be given the opportunity to compete in the event of withdrawals. The reserve list will be in order of those unsuccessful entrants within the WAGR® listing 1-2000 at close of entries, and thereafter by handicap.
- 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 his withdrawal will have his 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. If an entrant withdraws before or after close of entries, their withdrawal is final, and re-entry is not permitted.
- e) Competitors are required to register immediately on arrival at Royal Birkdale on Saturday 13 or Sunday 14 June 2020. Failure to register for the championship may result in a competitor being withdrawn from the starting field.
- f) Entrants must be of the male gender and have been male at birth or have had the male 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 Monday 15 June, 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 or caddie 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 copy of the Pace of Play Policy will be posted at the Championship venue and will be available on request.
- l) The qualifying rounds of the Championship will be stroke play over two rounds of 18 holes, one to be played over Royal Birkdale and one over West Lancashire on each of the first two days.

The 64 lowest scores over the 36 holes and ties for 64th place will compete in the match play stage of the Championship which will be played over Royal Birkdale. The draw will be seeded. If a competitor, who has posted a two-round total that will qualify for the match play stage, withdraws before or after the match play draw is made, that competitor's results will still be used to calculate the leading 64 places and ties that will determine the cut mark.

- m) Each match will consist of one round of 18 holes except the Final which will be played over 36 holes. The round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.
- n) 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 Recording Office. Failure to comply with this Term of Competition may lead to disqualification.

3. PRIZES

- a) A memento will be presented to the competitor returning the lowest score for 36 holes in the stroke play qualifying. Ties will be decided on the lowest aggregate score for the second 9 holes (or the last 6 or 3 or 1 hole) on both courses. If a tie still arises, the scores for the first 9 holes will be treated in the same way until a decision is reached. If still a tie the place will be shared.
- b) The winner will become The Amateur Champion and will be presented the Championship Trophy and a gold medal. The runner-up will receive a silver medal and each losing semi-finalist a bronze medal.

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 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.