

# R&A

# SENIOR AMATEUR

## CHAMPIONSHIP



Royal Cinque Ports

29 – 31 July 2020

**Closing Date for Entries Wednesday 1 July 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) have reached the age of 55 before 29 July 2020; ii) are members of a recognised golf club; iii) have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Amateur Status Rules of R&A Rules Limited; iv) except entrants from USA or Mexico, hold a World Handicap System (WHS) Handicap Index of not more than 3.0 at date of entry. In the absence of a WHS Handicap Index a current exact CONGU Competition Handicap of not more than 3.0, 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) For those entering from USA or Mexico, entrants must fulfil an exemption as listed under Terms of Competition 2(a). In the event of the number of USA and Mexico exempt entrants exceeding 72, the exempt competitors' list will comprise players from categories, in order of priority (i) to (ix). In the event of a reduction of exempt entries in one category being required, entry will be decided using exact handicaps at date of entry.
- d) One entry per player must be submitted electronically via [randa.org](http://randa.org) and must be received by close of entries i.e. 23:59hrs BST on Wednesday 1 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, the withdrawal is final, and re-entry will not be permitted.
- e) 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 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 handicap certification immediately to [amateurentries@randa.org](mailto:amateurentries@randa.org). Failure to submit handicap certification by close of entries will result in an entry being rejected.
- f) 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 compensate an entrant 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 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. The Committee may request the Certificate of Birth of any entrant before or during the Championship.
- h) All competitors must participate in the Championship in its entirety. Failure to do so may result in future entries being rejected.
- i) A competitor must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a competitor show clinical evidence of use of a drug for a nontherapeutic purpose, the Committee may require the competitor to undergo a drug test. Any competitor infringing this Term of Competition may be disqualified. Entrants who are on medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from The R&A.

## 2. **FORMAT**

- a) The starting field will comprise 144 competitors.

Any entrant named in one of the following categories will be allocated a place in the starting field subject to 1 (c):

- (i) Any past Seniors Amateur Champion or US Senior Amateur Champion.
- (ii) The first 20 and anyone tying for 20<sup>th</sup> place in the R&A Senior Amateur Championship 2019.

Anyone who played in:

- (iii) The Amateur Championship 2016-2020.
- (iv) The US Amateur Championship 2015-2019.
- (v) The match play stages of the US Mid-Amateur Championship 2015-2019.
- (vi) The 2018-2019 Senior Open Championship.
- (vii) The 2018 - 2019 US Senior Open Championship.
- (viii) The match play stage of the 2019 US Senior Amateur Championship.
- (ix) Past playing member of a USA or GB&I Walker Cup side.
- (x) Playing members of the four Seniors Home International teams 2019 (i.e. England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales).
- (xi) The champion and runner(s)-up in the English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh Senior Open Amateur Championships 2020.
- (xii) The champion in the APGC Senior Amateur Championship 2020.

- b) After allocating places to entrants under Terms of Competition 2 a), the starting field will be decided 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 exact handicap/handicap index at date of entry.
- 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 Cinque Ports on Monday 27 or Tuesday 28 July 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](mailto:amateurentries@randa.org) at the time of entry, and no later than 7 days prior to Wednesday 29 July, 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 Championship will be decided by stroke play over three rounds. One round of 18 holes on each of the first two days. The 60 lowest scores over the 36 holes and ties for 60<sup>th</sup> place will qualify for the final 18 holes on the last day. If a competitor who has posted a two-round total that will qualify for the final round, withdraws before or after the final round draw is made, the competitor's results will still be used to calculate the leading 60 places and ties that will determine the cut mark.
- m) In the event of a tie after three rounds, the winner of the Championship will be decided by a hole by hole play-off to take place immediately. In the event of a tie for second place, this will be decided on the lowest score for the last 18 holes (or the last 9 or 6 or 3 or 1 hole). If a tie still arises, the scores for the second round will be treated in the same way until a decision is reached.
- n) A secondary competition will be played within the Championship for competitors who have attained the age of 65 years before 29 July 2020. The winner of this competition will be the competitor returning the lowest gross score over 54 holes. In the event of a tie, the procedure will be as per the card count back outlined in Term of Competition 2.m.

### 3. PRIZES

- a) The winner will become the R&A Senior Amateur Champion and will be awarded the Championship Trophy and a gold medal. The runner-up will receive a silver medal and the competitor in third place and those tying for third place will each receive a bronze medal. The winner of the 65 and over competition will receive a memento.

### 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 Senior 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](http://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.

