 Terms of Competition

1. 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 golf club affiliated to a National Golf Association.
      ii) have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Amateur Status Rules of R&A Rules Limited, and who are also either
      iii) within WAGR® listing 1 – 2000 (see wagr.com) at date of entry, or
      iv) hold a World Handicap System (WHS) Handicap Index of not more than +1.5 at date of entry, as issued by an Authorised Handicapping Body. In the absence of a WHS Handicap Index a current equivalent exact handicap, as issued by a recognised Handicap Authority, of not more than +1.5 at date of entry will be accepted.

   Entrainers holding both a WHS Handicap Index and a handicap issued by a recognised Handicap Authority, 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.

   c) One entry per player must be submitted electronically via randoa.org and must be received by close of entries i.e. 23:59 hrs BST on Thursday 20 May 2021. 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) 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 is required to upload handicap certification as instructed during the online entry process. Failure to upload handicap certification if required 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.

   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.igf.org). Entrants who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from
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:
      (i) Winners of The Amateur Championship 2001–2020
          Winners of the U.S. Amateur Championship 2011–2020
          Winners of the European Amateur Championship 2011–2020
          Winners of the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship 2010–2019
          Winners of the Latin America Amateur Championship 2015–2020
          Winners of The Mark H McCormack Medal 2011–2020
      (ii) Members of:
          The 2021 Walker Cup Teams
      (iii) Winners of WAG® Events with a Power Rating of 400 or greater ending in the period 18 May 2020 to 16 May 2021
      (iv) Players who reached the last 32 of The Amateur Championship in 2020
   b) After allocating places to entrants under Term of Competition 2 a), the starting field will be completed in order of WAG®
      listing 1-2000 on completion of WAG® week 2021/F and, if still incomplete, by entrants using WHS Handicap
      Index/equivalent exact handicap at date of entry. Unsuccessful entrants may be given the opportunity to compete in
      the event of withdrawals. The reserve list will be in order of those unsuccessful entrants within the WAG® listing 1-2000 at close
      of entries, and thereafter by handicap.
   c) The Committee reserves the right to exempt a player.
   d) A competitor who fails to give The R&A notice of his withdrawal by close of registration or who is absent from the Championship
      without giving The R&A 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 must register no later than 15:00 hrs on the day prior to the first day of the Championship. Penalty for Breach –
      Disqualification.
   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 will 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 entry, but no later than close of entries,
      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 qualifying disability and
          (ii) the need for transportation results from that disability.
          Any requests by a player to use any form of transportation must be made by close of entries. 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) 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 countdown 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.
   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 report the result to an R&A Official or to The R&A Championship
      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. In the event of a tie for the lowest score for 36 holes in the qualifying competition, a card count back using the 18 hole second round score will be used. If still a tie, the last 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 1) will be used. If still a tie, the places shall 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.

   The R&A will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense suffered by a competitor as a result of a decision taken at any time by the Committee to amend, curtail or cancel the Championship.

   b) Competitors are subject to all safety protocols applicable at the Championship in relation to Health & Safety as issued and updated by The R&A and/or its safety advisers from time to time.

   c) The Committee reserves the right to request proof of vaccination against Covid-19 or that a negative test result has been received not more than 72 hours in advance of the first day of Championship, and failure to supply such proof within a reasonable timeframe after such request may result in the competitor being withdrawn from the Championship at any stage.

   d) All international competitors are advised to have in place appropriate medical insurance and/or funding to cover routine medical and performance related healthcare such as musculoskeletal injuries, including outpatient investigation. Insurance should include COVID-19 care if reciprocal home country arrangements do not apply. This will include any persons and/or Federation Officials accompanying the competitor for the duration of their stay in the UK, in order that all such medical care is provided outside the NHS.

   e) Competitors must comply with any instructions or further guidance issued by The R&A in relation to the event.

   f) Competitors entering the golf club/course environment may be infrared temperature checked and a positive check (having a temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or higher) may result in the competitor being withdrawn from the Championship at any stage.

   g) 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.

   h) 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.

   i) 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 hereby 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 assignees, 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 wrapped.com.

   j) All Championship information may be viewed at randa.org.

   k) 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 before or during the Championship and/or cancel the Championship before or during play. The decision of the Committee is final in all matters.

   l) These Terms of Competition will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of Scotland.