

R&A
THE AMATEUR
CHAMPIONSHIP

MONDAY 17 TO SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2019

PORTMARNOCK
Golf Links Road, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, D13 KD96, Ireland

THE ISLAND
Corballis, Donabate, Dublin, K36 V993 Ireland

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

These notes are compiled to give you information about the Championship - please read them carefully. Should you have any additional queries please do not hesitate to contact The R&A's Amateur Events Department who will be happy to assist you.

1. OFFICIALS

The R&A (based at Portmarnock)

R&A Captain	Chris Hilton
Member in Charge	Alick Bisset
Championship Director	Euan Mordaunt
Championship Manager	Gillian Roy
Chief Referee	Daniel Somerville
Rules	Charlie Crummey
Rules	Brian Fleming
Rules	Barbara O' Keeffe
Rules	Tony Disley
Rules	John Miller
Rules	Rona Walker
Recorder	Pamela Malton

The R&A (based at The Island)

Member in Charge	Neil McConachie
Championship Director	Ed Johnson
Championship Manager	Angus McBride
Chief Referee	Conor Finlay
Rules	Eithne Knight
Rules	Aine Binchy
Rules	Orla Kirby
Rules	David Meacher
Rules	Stuart Melville
Rules	Nigel Theyer
Recorder	Nora Murphy

Portmarnock

President	Gavin Caldwell
Captain	Tom O'Reilly
Chairman of Committee	Niall Goulding
General Manager	Andrew Whitelaw
Links Manager	Gary Johnstone
Professional	Francis Howley
Honorary Secretary	Eugene Kelly

The Island

President	Mary Quinn
Captain	John Prendergast
General Manager	John Lawler
Links Manager	David Edmondson
Professional	David Costigan
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Finbar Gaffney

2. REGISTRATION

Competitors are required to register for the Championship in the Pickeman Room at Portmarnock Clubhouse (upstairs).

Hours of opening:

Saturday 15 June	7.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Sunday 16 June	8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

A competitor who does not register by 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 16 June may be withdrawn from the Championship. If you are unable to register in person, please telephone + 44 (0) 1334 213 400 Ext. 1 or email amateurentries@randa.org.

At Registration, you must return both the completed Photo & Video Consent Form and Competitor Registration Form. You will be issued with a Registration pack including a competitor's badge, bag tag and complimentary distance guides for Portmarnock and The Island. Please note, distance guides will only be provided in yards.

Please allow sufficient time to complete the Registration process; a suggested time to allow would be approximately 15 minutes. A photographer will be present to update your online players profile photograph.

Competitors are advised to read the Official Player Noticeboard at each venue on arrival and throughout the Championship.

3. ACCOMMODATION / TRAVEL / PARKING

Local accommodation options are listed within the following websites;

- <https://www.ireland.com/accommodation>
- <https://www.discoverireland.ie/Where-To-Stay>
- <http://www.failteireland.ie/welcomestandard.aspx>

The nearest airport and approximate drive time to Portmarnock is Dublin International Airport. It is 10km (20 minutes traffic permitting) to Portmarnock and 12km (15 minutes traffic permitting) to The Island.

The nearest train stations are Portmarnock for Portmarnock and Donabate for The Island.

Dublin Ferry Port is 18km – 20km and an approximate 30-minute drive (traffic permitting) to and from Portmarnock and The Island.

Competitors are strongly advised to allow additional time for travel to Portmarnock and The Island due to roadworks around both venues and a busy road network in general.

Parking at Portmarnock and The Island will be signposted and close to the Clubhouses. Please note that vehicles will be parked at the owner's own risk.

4. OFFICIAL PRACTICE DAYS

The official practice day are:

	Portmarnock	The Island
Saturday 15 June	8.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Sunday 16 June	8.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.	8.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

To book one practice round at Portmarnock please e-mail amateur@portmarnockgolfclub.ie or telephone 00 353 1 846 2968 option 1. To book one practice round at The Island please e-mail cathy@theislandgolfclub.com or telephone the administration office on 00 353 1 843 6205 option 3. **Bookings for official practice days will be accepted from Tuesday 21 May.** Practice Days are for competitors only.

ONE BALL ONLY MAY BE PLAYED DURING THE PRACTICE ROUNDS WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION: If a player misses the green with his shot to the green, he may play one additional practice shot.

Competitors wishing to play a practice round out with the above official practice days may do so at the discretion of the host clubs and will be subject to a green fee. Any enquiries for such rounds should be directed to the relevant club using the above contact details. Tee times may be restricted and are subject to availability.

5. PRACTICE GROUNDS

The opening and closing times will be as follows;

Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 June	7.00am – 6.00pm (both venues)
Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 June	6.00am – 7.00pm (both venues)
Wednesday 19 June	6.00am – 7.00pm
Thursday 20 June	6.30am – 6.00pm
Friday 21 June	7.00am – 8.30am and 11.45am – 1.15pm
Saturday 22 June	7.00am – 8.30am and 12.00pm – 1.00pm

A controlled practice ground, with balls free of charge, will be operated at both Portmarnock and The Island. The R&A are indebted to Titleist for providing practice balls for the Championship.

PRACTICE BALLS MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE PRACTICE GROUNDS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. ANY PLAYER FOUND GUILTY OF THIS ACTION MAY BE LIABLE TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE AMATEUR EVENTS COMMITTEE.

At The Island, the maximum length of the practice ground is 230 yards. Therefore, due to health and safety reasons, a strict **IRONS ONLY** policy will be enforced. Any competitor found to be using woods of any type may be liable to disciplinary action by the Amateur Events Committee.

At Portmarnock, a mini bus shuttle service will be provided to transport competitors between the clubhouse car park and practice ground. Competitors **must** use this shuttle service and not walk or drive to the practice ground.

At The Island, a shuttle buggy service will be provided to transport competitors between the clubhouse car park and practice ground. Competitors **may** use this shuttle service or walk but **must not** drive to the practice ground.

Competitors using any of these practice facilities do so at their own risk.

6. DRAW FOR QUALIFYING ROUNDS

The first stage of the Championship will be decided by stroke play over two rounds. The draw for the stroke play part of the Championship will be released approximately three weeks prior to the Championship.

The draw for the stroke play part of the Championship will be available on The R&A's website, RandA.org and will be emailed to all competitors. Please note that it is the responsibility of the competitor to ascertain their tee time.

7. QUALIFYING ROUNDS – SCORECARDS

Your scorecard will be distributed by the Starter and you should arrive on the 1st tee approximately ten minutes before your starting time. The card **must** be returned to The R&A Recording Office **immediately** after the completion of your round.

8. QUALIFYING PLACES

The 64 lowest scores over the 36 holes and ties for 64th place will compete in the match play stage. The remainder will be eliminated. The leading qualifiers will be seeded.

9. MATCH PLAY STAGES

During the match play stages, it will be the responsibility of the **winner** of a match to return a match result card to the Recorder's Office as soon as possible after the match is completed.

No play is permitted after completion of a match.

10. LIVE SCORING

Online scoring services will be available throughout the Championship at www.RandA.org.

11. PACE OF PLAY (Rule 5.6)

It is the responsibility of each competitor to understand the Pace of Play policy. **Failure to comply with the Pace of Play policy may result in you being penalised.** With this in mind you are asked to read carefully the following Pace of Play policy which follows.

It is the responsibility of each group to play within the published maximum times allowed (as defined on the noticeboards and on the hole position charts) and keep up with the group in front. In an effort to eradicate slow play, players may also be subject to random timing even when not out of position.

Players are also strongly encouraged to play 'Ready Golf' during the stroke play qualifying stage of the Championship.

Should you have any questions regarding the Pace of Play policy then please visit the Championship Office at either Portmarnock or The Island where R&A Officials will be happy to assist your query.

12. **DRIVING CLUB CONDITION & GROOVES & PUNCH MARKS**

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. For additional guidance, see <https://www.randa.org/en/rulesequipment/equipment/equipmentrules>.

If you have any queries, please contact the Championship Office.

13. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (RULE 4.3)**

A competitor may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only – see Rule of Golf 4.3a(1), page 43 in the Rules of Golf.

For additional guidance on permissible and non-permissible Distance Measuring Devices, see <https://www.randa.org/en/rulesequipment/equipment/distance-measuring-devices>

If you have any queries, please contact the Championship Office.

14. **ANTI-DOPING**

As you will know from the Terms of Competition, The R&A has adopted the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy for The Amateur Championship 2019. Accordingly, all competitors are subject to the provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy and may be subject to drug testing conducted in accordance with that Policy. Details of the Policy, and the Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation's website (www.igfgolf.org).

Competitors who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from R&A Championships Limited not later than 30 days before the start of the Championship.

Please find following information regarding the Anti-Doping policy. Competitors are asked to read this policy in advance of the Championship.

15. **CADDIES / TROLLEY HIRE**

A limited number of caddies will be available at both venues but must be booked well in advance of the Championship to avoid disappointment. To book a caddie at Portmarnock, please e-mail Amateur@portmarnockgolfclub.ie. To book a caddie for The Island, please contact the Professional Shop on 00 353 1 843 6205. Caddie fees will apply at both venues.

Complimentary pull trolleys are available at both venues courtesy of The R&A. There are also limited electric trollies available at a cost to the competitor.

16. **COMPETITORS' LOCKER ROOM**

The competitors' locker room is solely for competitors' use during the Championship. Competitors are advised that any items are left at their own risk. **The use of mobile phones is prohibited in the locker room.**

A limited number of lockers are available to competitors on request with the respective club manager.

If bag storage is required competitors should speak to a member of the professional shop staff for assistance.

17. CLUBHOUSE(S) & CATERING

The clubhouses will be open from 1 hour before the first tee-time each day.

Catering will be available from when the clubhouses open to 9.00pm (last orders). The club has credit card facilities.

All catering will be at the cost to competitors.

18. DRESS / GOLF SHOES

Competitors are reminded that a good standard of dress should be worn at all times. Headwear must not be worn in the Clubhouses.

The wearing of clean soft spikes within the clubhouses is permitted. However, competitors are requested to bring shoes to change into following golf.

19. MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are prohibited on the courses whilst competing (this includes SMS).

In both clubhouses, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LOCKER ROOM, mobile phones are permitted but must be used respectfully and on silent at all times. Phone calls should be made out with public areas.

20. SPECTATOR CODE

Spectators must abide by the R&A's spectator code which will be posted on the official notice board. Spectators are prohibited from entering the competitors locker room.

21. INSURANCE

Competitors are advised to have a personal public liability insurance policy in place to protect them from claims for damage to third party property or injury to third parties whilst participating in this Championship.

22. FUNCTIONS

The R&A will host a Hog Roast welcome reception with complimentary food and refreshments. This will take place, weather permitting, within the spectator village at Portmarnock from 6.00 to 8.00 p.m. on Sunday 16 June. In the event of adverse weather, the reception will take place inside the clubhouse at Portmarnock. Invitations will be issued at Registration and it is hoped that as many Competitors as possible will attend.

The dress code for this event is smart casual or golfing attire.

23. PRESENTATION

The prize presentation will take place immediately after play (approximately 4.30pm) on Saturday 22 June.

24. EXEMPTIONS

The Champion will receive full exemption to The 2019 Open Championship at Royal Portrush, The 2020 US Open at Winged Foot and, by tradition, The 2020 Masters Tournament, providing he is still an amateur at the time and throughout the respective Championship.

25. WITHDRAWALS

Competitors seeking to withdraw from the Championship should advise Angus McBride of the R&A Amateur Events Department by, telephone +44 (0)1334 213 400 Ext. 2 or +44 (0)7789 373 218 or email: amateurentries@randa.org

26. CONTACT INFORMATION

Portmarnock Golf Club

Tel: 00 353 1 8462 968

www.portmarnockgolfclub.ie

The R&A Championship Office Portmarnock
only

Tel: +44 (0)1334 213400 option 1 (*Championship week*)

The Island Golf Club

Tel: 00 353 1 8436 205

www.theislandgolfclub.ie

The R&A Championship Office The Island
only

Tel: +44 (0)1334 213400 option 2 (*Championship week*)

Email: amateurentries@randa.org

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Programme of Events

(N.B. This programme may be subject to change)

Saturday 15 June	Official Practice Day	8.00am – 4.00pm
	Registration of Competitors	7.30am – 5.00pm
Sunday 16 June	Official Practice Day	8.00am – 2.30pm
	Registration of Competitors	8.00am - 4.00pm
	Welcome Hog Roast	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Monday 17 June	Qualifying Round 1 (3 balls)	7.00am – 3.52pm approx.
Tuesday 18 June	Qualifying Round 2 (3 balls)	7.00am – 3.52pm approx.
Wednesday 19 June	Preliminary Round (1 st Rnd) approx. <i>(subject to number of qualifiers into match play)</i>	7.00am – 8.00am
	Match play 2 nd Rnd approx. <i>(subject to number of qualifiers into match play)</i>	8.30am – 1.45pm
Thursday 20 June	Match play 3 rd Rnd	7.30am – 9.45am
	Match play 4 th Rnd	1.10pm – 2.40pm
Friday 21 June	Quarter Finals	8.15am – 9.00am
	Semi Finals	1.00pm & 1.30pm
Saturday 22 June	Final (36 Holes)	8.30am & 1.00pm
	Prize Presentation	4.30pm approx.



ANTI-DOPING POLICY

In support of golf's anti-doping efforts, the International Golf Federation (IGF) has designated The Amateur Championship as an international event covered by its Anti-Doping Policy. Compliance with this Policy is a condition of entry for, and participation in, The Amateur Championship 2019. Accordingly, all competitors gaining entry into The Amateur Championship are subject to the provisions of the IGF Anti-Doping Policy and may be subject to drug testing conducted in accordance with that Policy.

We recommend that you review the IGF Anti-Doping Policy and supporting information available on the IGF website www.igfgolf.org and familiarise yourself with the following:

1. IGF Prohibited Substances and Methods.

A copy of the applicable Prohibited List of Substances and Methods is available at <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/science-medicine/prohibited-list>. You are advised to make your health care provider and nutritional advisor aware that you are subject to the IGF Anti-Doping Policy and as such, are not permitted to use prohibited substances or methods.

2. Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Procedures

If you currently take a prohibited substance due to a legitimate medical condition as certified by your physician, you should apply for and obtain an approved TUE for the substance, in advance of The Amateur Championship. The IGF TUE application form and further guidance is available on the referenced website. If you currently hold a valid TUE (issued by a recognised Anti-Doping Organisation), for the period of The Amateur Championship, bring a copy of the TUE approval with you to the Championship. It may be required if you are selected for testing. To check if your medication is permitted under the IGF Anti-Doping Policy, consult the relevant national drug information database website from the country the medication is obtained. http://igfederation.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/IGF-Anti-Doping-Medication-Check-_20141.pdf

3. Testing Procedures

Familiarise yourself with the procedures for Testing. Information about your rights and responsibilities is available to download from the IGF website. There are links to video and others resources on testing procedures, available in several languages.

Finally, consult the IGF website and links to various education resources. Ensure you have read and understood the requirements of the IGF Anti-Doping Policy. If you have not already done so, you may wish to complete the WADA Play True Quiz before The Amateur Championship, <http://quiz.wada-ama.org/>

It will be necessary for you to sign an Anti-Doping Policy Agreement at the time of registration for the Championship itself.

If you have any specific enquiries about the Anti-Doping Policy or its requirements, please contact The R&A's Anti-Doping Advisor, Michele Verroken either by e-mail michele@sportingintegrity.com or by telephone +44 7785 326569, SKYPE michelev0510.



Policy:

In support of golf's anti-doping efforts, The R&A has adopted the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy for The Amateur Championship 2019. Accordingly, all competitors in the Championship itself may be subject to drug testing conducted by The R&A in accordance with that Policy.

Compliance with this Policy is a condition of entry for, and participation in, The Amateur Championship 2019. By submitting your entry for the Championship, you have agreed to comply with this Policy. However you will also be required to acknowledge that you have read, understood, and will abide by the IGF Anti-Doping Policy at the Championship by signing a form at registration.

The R&A will honour the findings and sanctions rendered by other leading golf organisations for anti-doping violations. Competitors may access the IGF Anti-Doping Policy by logging onto the IGF website www.igfgolf.org.

Information:

Compliance with the IGF's Anti-Doping Policy is a condition of entry for, and participation in, The Amateur Championship 2019. This means that:

1. Drug testing pursuant to the IGF Anti-Doping Policy may be conducted on competitors at The Amateur Championship 2019;
2. You agree to abide by the IGF Anti-Doping Policy, which includes submitting to drug testing upon request at The Amateur Championship 2019;
3. You consent and agree to be bound by all requirements of the Policy;
4. You agree to provide a urine sample to any testing agency authorised by The R&A at any time or place (including during practice days) at The Amateur Championship 2019, without advance notice;
5. Refusal to provide a sample, if requested, will constitute an anti-doping rule violation;
6. You agree that the Results Management provisions of the Policy shall provide the sole and exclusive method for resolving any dispute related to drug testing;
7. By signing the entry form and the agreement at registration, you confirm that you have read and understood the IGF Anti-Doping Policy, its requirements regarding Prohibited Substances and Methods and, if relevant, have in place an approved Therapeutic Use Exemption;
8. By signing the entry form and the agreement at registration, you confirm you have no outstanding Anti-Doping Rule Violation for which you are currently suspended or have been charged with.



Pace of Play Condition - Rule 5.6b

(a) Time Allowed:

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

Definition of “Out of Position”: The first group and any group after a starter’s gap will be considered to be “out of position” if, at any time during the round, the group’s cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered “out of position” if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

Note: In making a decision on whether to time a “following group” that is out of position, leniency may be shown to a group that has not exceeded the time allotted for the number of holes completed.

(b) Procedure When Group is Out of Position:

1. If a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are “out of position” and are being timed.
2. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
 - on a par three hole;
 - an approach shot; and
 - a chip or putt

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his/her ball, it is his/her turn to play and he/she is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his/her ball, repair damage and move loose impediments on his/her line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball and aligning the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

3. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Note: In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

1 Bad Time	Player will be warned by the referee and told that if he/she has a further bad time he/she will be penalised	
	<u>Stroke Play</u>	<u>Match Play</u>
2 Bad Times	One stroke penalty	One stroke penalty
3 Bad Times	Additional two penalty strokes	Loss of Hole
4 Bad Times	Disqualification	Disqualification

(c) Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round:

If a group is “out of position” more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if he/she has a second bad time before being advised of his/her earlier bad time.

(d) Random Timing Without Warning When Group Not Out of Position

In some circumstances, a group or an individual player may be timed without warning, including when a group is not out of position. In such cases of “random timing”, the timing provisions and penalties set out in clause (b) above apply, except that a player will only be given a bad time if he or she exceeds 60 seconds to play a shot, with an extra 10 seconds given (i.e. 70 seconds in total) for the “first to play” shots referenced in (b) above.