

**R&A**  
**THE WOMENS AMATEUR**  
CHAMPIONSHIP

11 – 15 June 2019

**ROYAL COUNTY DOWN CLUB**  
36 Golf Links Rd, Newcastle, Northern Ireland. BT33 0AN

**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 a member of The R&A's Committee who will be happy to assist you.

**1. OFFICIALS**

**The R&A**

R&A Captain	Chris Hilton
LGU President	Gillian Kirkwood
Member in Charge	Claire Dowling
Assistant Director	Susan Simpson
Championship Administrator	Charlotte Prentice
Chief Referee	Chris Wallace
Rules	Michael Beamish
Rules	Ann Brown
Rules	Dympna Conlon
Rules	Brian Fleming
Rules	Ger Henry
Rules	Trish Wilson
Recorder	Pam Malton

**Royal County Down Golf Club**

Captain	Yuile Magee until 25.05.19
Secretary	David Morgan
Links Manager	Eamonn Crawford
Assistant Secretary	Wendy Hamilton
Professional	Kevan Whitson
Honorary Secretary	Brian Gibson
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Kevin Lowry

**Royal County Down Ladies' Golf Club**

Captain	Christine Crockett
Secretary	Kathleen Calvert

**2. REGISTRATION**

All Competitors must register in person with The R&A at Royal County Down Golf Club no later than 14:00hrs on the day prior to commencement of the Championship (Monday 10 June 2019). Please note that telephone registration will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances and with prior authorisation.

At registration, you must produce a current CONGU handicap certificate, or overseas equivalent, and return both the completed photo & video consent form and competitor registration form.

## Registration Opening Hours

Sunday 9 June            10:00am – 5.00pm  
Monday 10 June        8:00am – 2.00pm

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 the venue on arrival and throughout the Championship.

### 3. ACCOMMODATION / TRAVEL / PARKING

Local accommodation options are listed within the following websites:

[www.discovernorthernireland.com/accommodation/](http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/accommodation/)

[www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)

[www.airbnb.com](http://www.airbnb.com)

The nearest **airport** to the golf club is Belfast City airport 33 miles to the North - 1 hour 10 minutes' drive time.

Belfast International Airport is located 41 miles to the North of the golf club – 1 hour 30 minutes drive time.

Dublin Airport is located 87 miles to the South of the golf club – 2 hours drive time.

These times are only guides and are dependent on volume of traffic.

There is ample car parking available at the golf club. Please note that vehicles will be parked at the owner's own risk.

### 4. OFFICIAL PRACTICE DAYS

The official practice days are:

Sunday 9 June            11:00am – 5.00pm  
Monday 10 June        8:00am – 3.00pm

All official practice times must be booked by contacting Royal County Down Golf Club: +44 (0) 28 4372 3314 or by emailing: [golf@royalcountymaydown.org](mailto:golf@royalcountymaydown.org) from Monday 20 May onwards.  
**No bookings will be accepted prior to this date.** Official practice days are for competitors only.

Please note that only one ball may be played during the practice rounds with the following exception: if a player misses the green with her shot to the green, she may play one additional practice shot. Competitors may not play from any protected areas on tees.

Competitors wishing to play a practice round outside of the official days should note that the club has no availability and the course is fully booked in the lead up to the Championship.

## 5. PRACTICE GROUND

The practice ground will be open from;

Sunday 9 June	10:00am - 6:00pm
Monday 10 June	7:00am - 6:00pm
Tuesday 11 June	5:30am - 7.00pm
Wednesday 12 June	5:30am - 7.00pm
Thursday 13 June	6:30am - 5:00pm
Friday 14 June	7:30am - 3:00pm
Saturday 15 June	7:30am - 2:00pm

The R&A is indebted to Titleist for providing practice balls for the Championship.

Practice balls must not be removed from the practice ground under any circumstances. Any player found guilty of this action may be liable to disciplinary action by the Amateur Events Committee.

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

## 6. DRAW FOR THE QUALIFYING ROUNDS

In accordance with the Term of Competition 2k of the Championship, one draw will be made on Monday 10 June 2019 for both qualifying rounds.

This draw will be posted at 16:30hrs on the official R&A notice board.

Please note that it is the responsibility of the competitor to ascertain their tee time. The draw will also be available on The R&A website [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org) at approximately 17.00hrs on Monday 10 June 2019.

## 7. QUALIFYING ROUNDS - SCORECARDS

Your scorecard will be distributed by the Starter and you should arrive on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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

All 64 qualifying places will be determined by a card count back.

## 9. MATCH PLAY STAGES

During the match play stages, the match result card must be returned immediately after the completion of your match to The R&A Championship Office or a Rules Official. No play in permitted after the completion of a match.

## 10. LIVE SCORING

Online scoring services will be available throughout the Championship at [www.randa.org](http://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 R&A's 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 notice board 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 rounds of the Championship.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Committee for assistance.

## 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 [www.randa.org/en/rulesequipment/equipment/equipmentrules](http://www.randa.org/en/rulesequipment/equipment/equipmentrules)

## 13. DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES (RULE 4.3) & YARDAGE BOOKS

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 [www.randa.org/en/rulesequipment/equipment/distance-measuring-devices](http://www.randa.org/en/rulesequipment/equipment/distance-measuring-devices)

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

Each competitor will receive a complimentary yardage book.

## 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 Womens 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](http://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 and should be requested in advance by +44 (0) 28 4372 3314 or by emailing: [golf@royalcountydown.org](mailto:golf@royalcountydown.org) Caddie fees will apply.

Please note it is the responsibility of the player to make payment and communicate with caddies regarding start times and requirements. The R&A will not co-ordinate this service.

Complimentary pull trolleys will be available for competitors courtesy of The R&A. There is a limited number of electric trolleys available on a first come-first served basis. These electric trolleys are at a cost to the competitor

## **16. COMPETITORS' LOCKER ROOM**

The locker room will be available for competitors' use during the Championship. Competitors are advised that any items are left at their own risk. Only competitors and R&A Officials may enter the locker room. The use of mobile phones in the locker room is prohibited.

## **17. CLUBHOUSE & CATERING**

The clubhouses will be open from 5.30am.

Catering will be available in the clubhouse from 7:00am to 9.00pm at a cost to competitors. Evening meals will be available and competitors are advised to pre-book with the caterer. The club has credit card facilities.

## **18. DRESS / GOLF SHOES**

Competitors are reminded that a good standard of dress should be worn at all times.

Headgear must not be worn in the clubhouse. Golf shoes should be removed before entering the lounge area.

## **19. MOBILE PHONES**

Mobile phones are prohibited on the course whilst competing (this includes messaging services). The use of mobile phones to make voice calls in the public areas of the clubhouse is prohibited. The use of mobile phones in the locker room is prohibited.

## **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 BBQ welcome reception with complimentary food and refreshments. This will take place, weather permitting, outside the clubhouse from 6.00 – 8.00pm on Monday 10 June. In the event of adverse weather the reception will take place indoors. It is hoped that as many competitors as possible will attend.

## 23. PRESENTATION

The prize presentation will take place immediately after play (approximately 5.00pm) on Saturday 15 June 2019.

The following prizes will be presented prior to the Presentation and can be collected from the Championship Office.

**The SLGA Cup** – *Team with lowest aggregate round for qualifying rounds*

**The Doris Chambers Trophy** – *Lowest score for qualifying rounds*

**The Angus Trophy** – *Lowest 18 hole score in the qualifying rounds*

The following prizes will be presented at the prize presentation;

**Semi-Finalists** - The Lion & Springbok Trophy & Bronze Medals

**Runner Up** - The Diana Fishwick Bowl & Silver Medal

**The Champion** - The Championship Cup, Pam Barton Salver & Gold Medal

## 24. EXEMPTIONS

The Champion will receive full exemption to the AIG Women's British Open, The Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship, the US Women's Open and the Evian Championship, providing she is still an amateur at the time and throughout the respective Championship.

## 25. WITHDRAWALS

Until 12 noon on Friday 7 June, competitors should advise Angus McBride of the R&A Amateur Events Department if they have to withdraw from the Championship, Tel: +44 (0)1334 460 000 or [amateurentries@randa.org](mailto:amateurentries@randa.org).

After 12 noon on Friday 7 June, notice of withdrawal should be made directly to Susan Simpson at Royal County Down Golf Club. Tel: + 44 (0) 1334 213 400 or email: [susansimpson@randa.org](mailto:susansimpson@randa.org)

## 26. CONTACT INFORMATION

Royal County Down Golf Club

Tel: +44 (0) 28 4372 3314

[www.royalcountydown.org](http://www.royalcountydown.org)

Professional's Shop

Tel: +44 (0) 28 4372 2419

The R&A Championship Office

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

[amateurentries@randa.org](mailto:amateurentries@randa.org)

The R&A Office (St Andrews)

Tel: +44 (0) 1334 460000

The R&A website

[www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org)

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**Programme of Events**

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

<b>Sunday 9 June</b>	Official Practice Day	11:00 – 17:00hrs
	Registration of Competitors	10:00 – 17:00hrs
<b>Monday 10 June</b>	Official Practice Day	08:00 – 15:00hrs
	Registration of Competitors	08:00 – 14:00hrs
	Publication of 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Draw	16:00hrs
	Welcome BBQ	18:00 – 20:00hrs
<b>Tuesday 11 June</b>	Qualifying Round 1 (3 balls)	06:30 – 15:28hrs approx.
<b>Wednesday 12 June</b>	Qualifying Round 2 (3 balls)	06:30 – 15:28hrs approx.
<b>Thursday 13 June</b>	Match play 1 <sup>st</sup> Rnd	07:30 – 11:38hrs
	Match play 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rnd	12:00 – 15:45hrs
<b>Friday 14 June</b>	Match play 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rnd	08:30 – 09:40hrs
	Quarter Finals	13:00 – 13:45hrs
<b>Saturday 15 June</b>	Semi Finals	08:30 – 08:40hrs
	Final (18 holes)	13:00hrs
	Prize Presentation	17:00hrs approx.



## **ANTI-DOPING POLICY**

In support of golf's anti-doping efforts, the International Golf Federation (IGF) has designated The Womens 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 Womens Amateur Championship 2019. Accordingly, all competitors gaining entry into The Womens 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](http://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](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](mailto: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](http://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.