

The 122nd Amateur Championship

ROYAL ST. GEORGE'S and PRINCE'S

19 to 24 June 2017

Closing Date for Entries Sunday 21 May 2017

Conditions

1. These conditions of entry are entered into between the competitor and R&A Championships Limited (Company number SC247047) and having its registered office at Beach House, Golf Place, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9JA. References in the conditions to decisions of the Championship Committee are to decisions taken by the Championship Committee on behalf of R&A Championships Limited.
2. The Championship will be played in two separate stages, in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee.
3. The first stage of the Championship will be stroke play over two rounds of 18 holes, one to be played over Royal St. George's and one over Prince's. The first round will be played on Monday 19 June and the second round on Tuesday 20 June.
4. A memento will be presented to competitors finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd after the stroke play stage. Ties for these places will be decided on the lowest aggregate 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.
5. 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 commence on Wednesday 21 June over Royal St. George's and 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, the competitor's results will still be used to calculate the leading 64 places and ties that will determine the cut mark.
6. Each match will consist of one round of 18 holes except the Final which will be played over 36 holes.
7. In the event of a match being all square after 18 holes in any round, or all square after 36 holes in the Final, competitors shall continue to play until one wins a hole, when the match will be considered won.
8. The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads and Conforming Golf Balls. The specimen condition in Decision 4-1/1 of Decision on the Rules of Golf is in effect for Grooves and Punch Marks.
9. Competitors shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to ride by the Championship Committee.
10. The wearing of jeans of any colour or shorts is not permitted whilst practising or competing at this Championship.
11. All players 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.com). Players 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.
12. A copy of the pace of play conditions will be posted at both Championship venues and will be available on request.
13. R&A Championships Limited seeks media coverage and publicity for the Amateur Championship around and during the Championship via both the written press and via broadcast and audio-visual media. Each competitor by entering the Championship and by agreeing to these terms and conditions assigns to R&A Championships Limited and its assignees and licensees the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, edit, exhibit and reproduce (and to authorise others to do so) in any and all media (whether Press, radio, television, internet or otherwise), whether now known or hereafter devised for commercial and/or other purposes from time to time and at their discretion, any and all pictures, coverage, recordings and any other reproductions of any description of the competitor made during or in connection with the Championship (including, without limitation, during practice and play) without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor. The competitor also assigns the right to use and reproduce their name, voice, likeness and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised by R&A Championships Limited for the purpose of promoting the Championship and any subsequent Championships, without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor 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 R&A Championships Limited. Competitors shall be responsible for ensuring that their caddies (if applicable) will assign to R&A Championships Limited and its successors and licensees equivalent rights in relation to the caddie. Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of rights, R&A Championships Limited and its assignees and licensees agree that, other than as permitted above, they will not authorise any company contractually associated with R&A Championships Limited to use the competitor'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. R&A Championships Limited 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
14. A competitor whose withdrawal is not notified by 12 noon three days before the start of the Championship 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 Championship Committee. When a competitor has withdrawn due to sickness or injury he must submit an authorised medical certificate to the Amateur Entries Department within seven days otherwise the competitor shall be liable to have future entries scrutinised which may result in them being rejected. If an entrant withdraws before or after the closure of entries, their withdrawal is final and re-entry will not be allowed.

15. Competitors are requested to register immediately on arrival at Royal St. George's on Saturday 17 or Sunday 18 June 2017.
16. Entries to the Championship must be made online via randa.org, payment will be taken when the entry is submitted. Entry by telephone will not be accepted. It is the entrants' responsibility to ensure the online entry is completed successfully and all contact details are accurate. All Championship information including a list of accepted entries may be viewed at randa.org
17. By completing an online entry you declare conformity in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.
18. Any amateur competitor named in one of the following categories will be allocated a place in the starting field:
 - (a) Amateur Champions 1997 - 2016
US Amateur Champions 2007 - 2016
International European Amateur Champions 2007 - 2016
Asia-Pacific Amateur Champions 2009 - 2016
Latin America Amateur Champions 2015 - 2017
 - (b) The US Mid-Amateur Champion 2016
The Boys Amateur Champion 2016
 - (c) Playing members of:
The 2015 Walker Cup Teams
The 2016 Bonallack Trophy Teams
The 2016 St Andrews Trophy Teams
 - (d) Winners in the 52 weeks to 21 May 2017 of WAGR™ Category A and B events.
 - (e) Players who reached the last 32 of the Amateur Championship in 2016.
19. An entry will be accepted from any competitor who is within WAGR™ listing I-2000 (see www.wagr.com) at date of entry. Please note being within the WAGR™ listing I-2000 at date of entry does not guarantee a place in the starting field – see Condition 22.
20. The Championship Committee reserve the right to offer up to a maximum of six special exemptions to players who meet the handicap entry criteria and have submitted an online entry by the closing date. Any player seeking a special exemption must email amateurentries@randa.org with a request for consideration.
21. An entry will also be accepted from any male competitor whose exact handicap does not exceed +1.5 under the handicapping system adopted by the country from which he has entered. The exact handicap 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 closing date. Where an entry is made using the entrants' Centralised Database Handicap (CDH) number from the country of origin, it is the entrants' responsibility to ensure that their exact handicap is up to date. In order for an entry to be accepted that has not been made using a CDH, handicap certification at the date of entry will be required to be emailed immediately to amateurentries@randa.org. Failure to submit handicap certification will result in an entry being rejected.
22. After allocating places to competitors under Condition 18, the starting field of 288 will be completed in order of WAGR™ listing on completion of WAGR™ week 2017/20 and, if still incomplete, by competitors using exact handicaps. 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 I-2000 at close of entries, thereafter by handicap.
23. The online entry and fee of £80 must be received by The Amateur Entries Department, not later than close of entries, i.e. **23:59 GMT on Sunday 21 May 2017.**
24. An entry shall be accepted only if the online entry is fully completed, including payment by Debit/Credit card and submission of handicap certification if applicable. Please note: Acceptance of your online entry does not guarantee a place in the starting field. Players successful in gaining a place in the starting field will be advised after the entry closing date. Entry fees will be refunded if intimation of withdrawal is received on or before close of entries i.e. Sunday 21 May 2017. After this date, entry fees will only be refunded to unsuccessful entrants who do not gain a place in the starting field. A service charge of £10 will be deducted from all refunds except reserves not called up to play. Refund of entry fees will be issued within 28 days of the final day of the Championship by the method of original payment. If an entrant withdraws before or after the closure of entries, their withdrawal is final and re-entry will not be permitted.
25. All entries are subject to the approval of the Championship Committee that reserves the right to disqualify any competitor making a false statement on his online entry and to accept or refuse or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision.
26. The winner will become the Champion Amateur Golfer for the year and will receive the Championship Trophy that he shall hold for that year. The trophy shall be recalled on a date to be advised by The R&A.
27. The winner will receive a Gold Medal, the runner-up a Silver Medal and each losing semi-finalist a Bronze Medal.
28. The Championship Committee reserves the right to amend these Championship conditions.
29. R&A Championships Limited will use the information you provide within an online entry to process your entrance to and participation in The Amateur Championship. It may also be used by R&A Championships Limited to: (a) update the WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING™, if relevant; and (b) provide you with information on Rule updates or similar information regarding the game of golf. R&A Championships Limited may share your information within the R&A group of companies for these purposes. R&A Championships Limited will use the information provided by a parent/guardian within an online entry to verify the confirmations given by the parent/guardian within an online entry. At all times R&A Championships Limited will process your information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.