



LADIES' BRITISH OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

26 – 30 June 2018

HILLSIDE GOLF CLUB
Hastings Rd, Southport PR8 2LU

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.

I. OFFICIALS

The R&A

LGU President	Gillian Kirkwood
Chairman of the Championship	Trish Wilson
Assistant Director	Susan Simpson
Manager	Gillian Roy
Championship Administrator	Charlotte Prentice
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Rules	Roger Bathurst
Rules	Michael Beamish
Rules	Phil Byrne
Rules	Dympna Conlon
Rules	Ger Henry
Recorder	Jane Brown
Media	Lauren Witherspoon
Media	Declan McGinley

Hillside Golf Club

Captain	Des Veney
Immediate Past Captain	David Rooney
Lady Captain	Ruth Wood
Immediate Past Lady Captain	Jan Marsh
Secretary / Manager	Chris Williams
Head Greenkeeper	Chris Ball
Assistant Secretary	Tash Neal
Assistant Secretary	Becca Sutcliffe
Professional	Brian Seddon
Promotions	Pam Green

2. REGISTRATION

All Competitors must register in person with The R&A at Hillside Golf Club no later than 14:00hrs on the day prior to commencement of the Championship (Monday 25 June 2018). Please note that telephone registration will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances and with prior authorisation.

YOU MUST PRODUCE A CURRENT CONGU HANDICAP CERTIFICATE OR OVERSEAS EQUIVALENT AND BRING A COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM WITH YOU WHEN YOU REGISTER.

Registration Opening Hours

Sunday 24 June	10:00 – 17:00hrs
Monday 25 June	08:00 – 14:00hrs

A photographer will be present during registration to update your player profile photograph.

3. ACCOMMODATION / TRAVEL

Local accommodation options are listed within the following websites:

<http://www.englandsgolfcoast.com/accommodation>

<https://www.visitsouthport.com/accommodation>

The nearest **airport** to Hillside is Manchester airport (approximately 44 miles - 1 hour 10 minutes' drive time). These times are only guides and are dependent on volume of traffic.

Hillside train station is approx 2 minutes' walk from the golf club. Southport train station is 10 minutes drive.

4. OFFICIAL PRACTICE DAYS

The official practice days are:

Sunday 24 June 11:00 – 17:00hrs

Monday 25 June 08:00 – 15:00hrs

All official practice times must be booked by contacting Hillside Golf Club: +44 (0) 1704 567169 Opt 2 or by emailing: admin@hillside-golfclub.co.uk from Monday 11th June onwards.

No bookings will be accepted prior to this date. Official 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 her shot to the green, she may play one additional practice shot.

The practice ground will be opened one hour before play each day and will close one hour after the last tee time. Provision may be made for those wishing to practise outside these hours by contacting The R&A Championship Office.

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 CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE.

Competitors wishing to play a practice round out with the above official times may do so at the discretion of the host club and will be subject to a green fee. Any enquiries for such rounds should be directed to the club on Tel: +44 (0) 1704 567169 Opt 2. Tee times may be restricted and are subject to availability.

5. DRAW FOR THE QUALIFYING ROUNDS

In accordance with Condition 3c of the Championship, one draw will be made on Monday 25 June 2018 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 at approximately 17.00hrs on Monday 25 June 2018.

6. 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.

7. QUALIFYING PLACES

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

8. 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.

9. PACE OF PLAY

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 attached Pace of Play policy.

It is the responsibility of each group to play within the published maximum times allowed 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 Championship. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Committee for assistance.

10. DRIVING CLUB CONDITION

Players are asked to note that the specimen condition in the Rules of Golf regarding Driving Clubs is in effect. An updated List of Conforming Driver Heads is available on The R&A's website www.randa.org. This list can also be viewed on request in The R&A Championship Office.

11. GROOVES & PUNCH MARKS

The specimen condition in Decision 4-1/1 of Decisions on the Rules of Golf is in effect for Grooves and Punch Marks.

12. DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only.

13. CADDIES / TROLLEY HIRE

A limited number of caddies will be available and should be requested in advance by using the booking form provided. 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. 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

14. LOCKER ROOMS / BAG STORAGE

The locker room will be available for competitors' use during the Championship. Competitors are advised that any items are left at their own risk.

15. CATERING

Catering will be available in the clubhouse from 07:00hrs on a cash basis. Evening meals will be available and competitors are advised to pre-book with the caterer. The club has credit card facilities.

16. LIVE SCORING

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

17. 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.

18. MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are prohibited on the course (this includes texting). The use of mobile phones to make voice calls in the public areas of the clubhouse is prohibited.

19. CAR PARKING

There is ample car parking available.

20. 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 event.

21. 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 25 June. In the event of adverse weather the reception will take place indoors. Invitations will be issued at Registration and it is hoped that as many competitors as possible will attend.

22. PRESENTATION

The prize presentation will take place immediately after play (approximately 17:00hrs) on Saturday 30 June 2018.

The following prizes will be presented:

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*

Vouchers – *Quarter-finalists x 4*

Bronze Medals & Vouchers – *Semi-finalists x 2 (+ Lion & Springbok Trophy)*

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

The Championship Cup, Pam Barton Salver & Gold Medal – *Winner*

Note: All competitors in receipt of a prize should attend and a list of prize winners will be posted in advance at The R&A Championship Office. Any prize winner who fails to attend the prize presentation and has not recorded her apologies in the Championship Office, will not receive the voucher. The voucher value will be donated to charity.

23. EXEMPTIONS

The Champion will receive full exemption to the Ricoh Women's British Open, the US Women's Open and the Evian Championship in the current year, providing she is still an amateur at the time and throughout the respective Championship.

24. WITHDRAWALS

Until 12 noon on Friday 22 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.

After 12 noon on Friday 22 June, notice of withdrawal should be made directly to Susan Simpson at Hillside Golf Club. Tel: + 44 (0) 1334 213 400 or email: susansimpson@randa.org

25. CONTACT INFORMATION

Hillside Golf Club	Tel: +44 (0) 01704 569902
Hillside Golf Club website	www.hillside-golfclub.co.uk
Professional's Shop	Tel: +44 (0) 01704 568360
The R&A Championship Office	Tel: +44 (0) 1334 213400 (<i>Championship week only</i>)
The R&A Championship Fax	Fax: +44 (0) 1334 460002
The R&A Office (St Andrews)	Tel: +44 (0) 1334 460000
The R&A website	www.randa.org

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Programme of Events

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

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	Publication of 1 st & 2 nd Round Draw	16:30hrs
Tuesday 26 June	Qualifying Round 1 (3 balls)	06:30–15:28hrs approx.
Wednesday 27 June	Qualifying Round 2 (3 balls)	06:30–15:28hrs approx.
Thursday 28 June	Match play 1 st Rnd	07:30 – 11:38hrs
	Match play 2 nd Rnd	12:00 – 15:45hrs
Friday 29 June	Match play 3 rd Rnd	08:30 – 09:40hrs
	Quarter Finals	13:00 – 13:45hrs
Saturday 30 June	Semi Finals	08:30 – 08:40hrs
	Final (18 holes)	13:00hrs

Prize Presentation

17:00hrs approx.