



# THE WOMENS AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

ROYAL COUNTY DOWN

11 to 15 June 2019

Closing Date for Entries Thursday 16 May 2019

Entry Fee £70

## TERMS OF COMPETITION

### I. 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. References in these Terms of Competition to decisions of the Committee are to decisions taken by the Amateur Events Committee on behalf of The R&A. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that she has read and complies with these Terms of Competition.
- b) The Championship shall be open to players of the female gender who (i) are members of a recognised golf club; (ii) have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Amateur Status Rules of R&A Rules Limited; (iii) are within WAGR™ listing 1-2000 (see [www.wagr.com](http://www.wagr.com)) at date of entry; (iv) hold a current exact CONGU Competition Handicap of not more than 2.4 or overseas equivalent, at date of entry.
- c) One entry per player must be submitted electronically via the R&A website [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org) and must be received by close of entries i.e. 23:59hrs BST on Thursday 16 May 2019. Entries by telephone will not be accepted. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that her 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 issued within 28 days of the final day of the Championship by the method of initial payment. If an entrant withdraws before or after the closure of entries, their withdrawal is final, and re-entry will not be permitted.
- d) 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 entrant's Centralised Database Handicap (CDH) number from the country of origin, it is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that their exact handicap is up to date.
- e) Entrants holding both a CONGU Competition Handicap and overseas authority handicap must enter the Championship using their CONGU Competition Handicap. The CONGU Competition Handicap maintained by the entrant's 'Home' club must and will be used for all purposes. Penalty for failure to enter in compliance with this Term of Competition – Disqualification.
- f) 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. Entrants successful in gaining a place in the starting field will be advised after the entry closing date. The R&A will not be liable to pay any money to an entrant by way of compensation for any cost or expense incurred prior to the starting field being confirmed.
- g) All entries are subject to the approval of the Committee, which reserves the right to disqualify any person making a false statement on her online entry and to accept or refuse or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision.
- h) All competitors must participate in the Championship in its entirety. Failure to do so may result in future entries being rejected.
- i) 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.igfgolf.org](http://www.igfgolf.org)). Entrants 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.

## 2. FORMAT

- a) The starting field will comprise 144 competitors.

The entrant named in the following category will be allocated a place in the starting field:

- (i) The R&A Girls Amateur Champion 2018

- b) After allocating places to entrants under Term of Competition 2 a), the starting field will be completed in order of WAGR™ listing 1-2000 on completion of WAGR™ week 2019/19 and, if still incomplete, by entrants using exact handicaps at date of entry. 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 1-2000 at close of entries, and thereafter by handicap.
- c) The Committee reserves the right to exempt a player.
- d) A competitor whose withdrawal is not notified by close of registration or who is absent from the Championship without notice of her withdrawal will have her 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. When a competitor has withdrawn due to sickness or injury she 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.
- e) Competitors must register in person with the R&A on site, no later than 1400 hours on the day prior to commencement of the Championship. Penalty for Breach - Disqualification. Telephone calls may be accepted in exceptional circumstances. Each competitor must produce a current CONGU Handicap Certificate, or overseas equivalent, at registration. Penalty for failure to produce verification of current handicap before completion of the first round – Disqualification.
- f) Entrants must be of the female gender and have been female at birth or have had the female gender assigned. For the avoidance of doubt, The R&A reserves the right to carry out a confidential case-by-case evaluation at any time either prior to or after the Championship if in its reasonable opinion such an evaluation is or becomes necessary. Any competitor in breach of this Term of Competition may be disqualified.
- g) The Championship shall 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 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.
- i) Competitors and caddies shall walk at all times during a round and must not ride on any form of transportation unless permitted by the Committee.
- j) A copy of the pace of play policy will be posted at the Championship venue and will be available on request.
- k) 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 countback 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.
- l) Team Award - any country may nominate a team of two or three competitors, the two lowest scores in each qualifying round to count. Team nominations must be submitted on the official entry form, signed by an official of the competitors' National Association and reach The R&A no later than 7 days after close of entries. Should one or more of the nominated competitors be incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence, the nominated reserve or reserves may be substituted, in order of selection, up to the advertised time of starting of the affected competitor or competitors.
- m) Each match will consist of one round of 18 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 sign the official result card and give the result to an appointed official or return the card immediately to The R&A Championship Office. Failure to comply with this Term of Competition renders the player liable to disqualification.

## 3. PRIZES

- a) The Championship Cup will be presented to the winner. The winner will be The Womens Amateur Champion and will receive a gold medal.
- b) The Pam Barton Memorial Salver will be presented to the Champion.

- c) The Diana Fishwick Cup will be presented to the runner-up. The winner will receive a silver medal.
- d) Springbok Trophy will be presented to the semi-finalist beaten by the Champion. The winner will receive a bronze medal.
- e) Lion Trophy will be presented to the semi-finalist beaten by the runner up. The winner will receive a bronze medal.
- f) The Doris Chambers Trophy will be presented to the competitor returning the lowest score for 36 holes in the qualifying competition. 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.
- g) The Angus Trophy will be presented to the competitor returning the lowest score for 18 holes in the qualifying competition. In the event of a tie for the lowest score for 18 holes, scores for the second 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 1) of the appropriate round will be used. If still a tie, the place(s) will be shared.
- h) The SLGA Cup will be presented to the team with the lowest aggregate score for the qualifying rounds. Ties will be decided by card count back using the aggregate of the lowest 18 hole second round scores. If still a tie, the aggregate score for the second 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 1) of the second round will be used. If still a tie, the place(s) will be shared.

#### 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) R&A Championships Limited seeks media coverage and publicity for The Womens 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 of Competition 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](http://wagr.com)
- e) All Championship information including a list of accepted entries may be viewed at [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org).
- f) 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 including the right to arrange and/or alter starting times. The decision of the Committee is final in all matters.
- g) These Terms of Competition will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of Scotland

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