

SCOTTISH OPEN SERIES

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION



Scottish
Golf

Handicap Limit: 54
Entry Fee: Variable
Field Size: Max. 132 players per Qualifying Event | 30 Grand Final
Entry: www.scottishgolf.org

It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure they have read and comply with these Terms of the Competition.

1. Eligibility

Eligibility criteria:

- a) Be of amateur status as defined by R&A Rules Limited.
- b) Identify as one of the following: male, female, non-binary, transgender female or transgender male.
- c) In possession of a WHS™ Handicap Index® not exceeding 54.
- d) All queries regarding transgender eligibility must be directed to governance@scottishgolf.org

2. General

- a) All stages of the event run in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf and in conjunction with the Scottish Golf Hard Card and any additions and amendments published by Scottish Golf at the venue.
- b) [Ready Golf](#) will be encouraged at all stages of the Championship.

3. Format

- a) The format of the Qualifying Events and Grand Final will be 18 holes multi tee medal play played on 1 day.
- b) The winner will be determined by the lowest net score. In the event of a tie, the winner shall be decided by card count back on the net scores for the last 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 1). If a tie still arises, the last 6 holes of the first 9 holes (or 3 or 1) will be used. If no decision is reached, a card play-off from the 1st hole will apply, failing which; the winner will be decided by lot.
- c) Scottish Golf will use WHS™ Course Information including course rating, slope, stroke indices and yardages for all purposes. Please note these may differ from information printed on club scorecards.
- d) If, in the opinion of Scottish Golf, it becomes impossible to complete a Championship in accordance with that Championship's Terms of the Competition, because of adverse weather or other circumstances, Scottish Golf reserves the right to amend the Championship format to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.
- e) All disputes will be decided by Scottish Golf whose decision will be final.

4. Venues

Qualifying Events

Monday 5 May – Downfield
Friday 9 May – Mortonhall
Friday 16 May – Musselburgh

Friday 6 June – Cardross
Thursday 3 July – Bishopbriggs
Thursday 24 July – Glenbervie

Grand Final

Friday 22 August – Turnberry (King Robert the Bruce)

5. Entries

- a) All entries must be received by Scottish Golf by 12 noon on the closing date. Entries can be made via the Scottish Golf [website](#) and payment will be taken at the time of entry.
- b) Scottish Golf will only consider late entries should the maximum field size not be achieved and no later than 48 hours prior to the Qualifying Event concerned.
- c) It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure their WHS™ Handicap Index® is up to date at all times.
- d) Each Qualifying Event is limited to 156 entries on a first come first served basis.
- e) Should a Qualifying Event be over-subscribed (or cancelled) players will be offered an alternative subject to availability.
- f) Correspondence will be sent to the email address provided no less than 48 hours prior to the Qualifying Event.
- g) Scottish Golf will not be responsible for any correspondence that fails to reach competitors.
- h) All entries are subject to the approval of Scottish Golf who reserve the right to refuse or accept or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry.

6. Withdrawals

- a) Withdrawals will only be accepted if written confirmation is received via email to events@scottishgolf.org
- b) A player fails to gain entry to the Championship.
- c) A player withdrawing prior to the closing date will be issued a full refund.
- d) In the event of a competitor withdrawing after the closing date, the entry fee will not be refunded.

7. Registration

ALL competitors must register at the Championship office at least 30 minutes prior to their start time. Failure to do so may result in a competitor forfeiting their place in the field.

8. Replacements

Grand Final

In the event of a player being unable to compete, they may be substituted with the next available player in the relevant section.

9. Winners & Prizes

Qualifying Events

Prizes will be awarded to the top 2 players returning the lowest net score and the player returning the lowest scratch score from each event. A player cannot win more than 1 prize. If this does occur, the player will be awarded the scratch prize and the next best net score player will receive a prize. The top 2 players returning the lowest net score and the player returning the lowest scratch score will gain automatic qualification for the Grand Final. Places 1st – 30th will receive points for the Order of Merit. At the end of the six events, the top 12 players on the Order of Merit will qualify for the Grand Final. If any player in the top 12 has already qualified by another means the next placed player(s) on the Order of Merit will be invited to the final.

N.B. When there is a difference in course rating between the tees being used for each gender, to calculate the lowest scratch score, equalisation strokes will be given to the players who are playing from the tees with the higher course rating. The number of equalisation strokes given will be the difference between the two course ratings, in accordance with the [GB&I Advice Document – Guidance on the WHS™ Rules of Handicapping](#).

Grand Final

- a) The winner will be the player returning the lowest net score. The winner will be awarded the Championship Trophy.
- b) Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 net scores.

A prize presentation will follow the conclusion of play. All trophies awarded at Championships shall be retained by Scottish Golf. Any player not present at the prize presentation who has failed to notify Scottish Golf will not be presented with their prize.

10. Photography/Media

Scottish Golf seeks media coverage and publicity for all Championships, both around and during each Championship in the press and live and recorded digital media on the internet. Each player by entering a Championship and hereby agreeing to these Terms of the Competition assigns to Scottish Golf and its assignees and licensees the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, edit, exhibit and reproduce in any way now known or hereafter devised for commercial and/or other purposes from time to time and at their discretion, motion pictures, still pictures, live taped or filmed television, sound recordings and any other reproductions of any description of the player made during or in connection with a Championship (including, without limitation, during practice and play) without compensation for the player or their heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the player. The player also assigns to Scottish Golf the right to use and reproduce the player's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised, without compensation for the player or their heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the player including in circumstances where it may include the logo of a third party or of a sponsor or patron of a Championship or any other activities undertaken by Scottish Golf. Players shall be responsible for ensuring that they hold all the necessary rights to grant the above assignments. Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of rights, Scottish Golf and its assignees and licensees agree that, other than as permitted above, they will not authorise any company contractually associated with Scottish Golf to use the player'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 player's authorisation.

Parental/Guardian consent is required for all entrants U18. This will be required to be completed at time of entry. By submitting an entry, you and your child are agreeing to the Terms/General Terms of the Competition and give consent for your child to be entered, videoed, or photographed by Scottish Golf staff/representative

for Scottish Golf promotion/news/social media purposes. Should you not wish to give consent for your child to be videoed and / or photographed please highlight this in the entry notes.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding photography and digital media, please contact events@scottishgolf.org.

10. Policies /Procedures

The following policies apply to all Scottish Golf National Championships and are available at www.scottishgolf.org

- a) [Disciplinary and Grievance Policy](#)
- b) [Code of Conduct Policy](#)
- c) [Transportation Policy](#)
- d) [Pace of Play Policy](#)
- e) [Safeguarding Policy](#)
- f) [Transgender Policy](#)
- g) Anti-Doping Rules – The UK Anti-Doping Rules apply to all competitors. You can find the UK Anti-Doping Rules at www.ukad.org.uk.

N.B Scottish Golf reserves the right to disqualify any competitor who does not meet the requirements for entry to Championships, who does not comply with the requirements set out in all Scottish Golf's policies detailed above, or where it is determined that the competitor's participation in the Championship would lead to unfair competition.

11. Disclaimer / Consent

Neither the host venue nor Scottish Golf can be held responsible for any personal injury, loss of or damage to, equipment or personal possessions.

When you enter with the intention of competing in a Championship you give consent for your personal information to be collected in order to confirm your entry and provide you with any Championship specific information directly related to your participation in the event. Please refer to our [Privacy Policy](#) for full details for how we use your data.

Scottish Open Series Order of Merit | Conditions 2025

1. Counting Events

The events on the schedule below will count towards the 2025 Scottish Open Series Order of Merit:

Event	Dates	Points Awarded
Scottish Open Series 1 Downfield Golf Club	5 th May 2025	1 st Place – 30 th Place
Scottish Open Series 2 Mortonhall Golf Club	9 th May 2025	1 st Place – 30 th Place
Scottish Open Series 3 Musselburgh Golf Club	16 th May 2025	1 st Place – 30 th Place
Scottish Open Series 4 Cardross Golf Club	6 th June 2025	1 st Place – 30 th Place
Scottish Open Series 5 Bishopbriggs Golf Club	3 rd July 2025	1 st Place – 30 th Place
Scottish Open Series 6 Glenbervie Golf Club	24 th July 2025	1 st Place – 30 th Place

2. Final Placings

- a) Eligible players will receive points relative to their final position in a nominated event.
- b) Order of Merit system begins from 1st Place – 30th Place. Points will be awarded at each event.
- c) At the end of the six events, the top 12 players on the Order of Merit will qualify for the Grand Final. If any player in the top 12 has already qualified by another means the next placed player(s) on the Order of Merit will be invited to the final.

- d) In the event of a tie for the final qualifying place in the Order of Merit, the highest placed net finish by a competitor in any of the six events will be applied to decide the placing on the Order of Merit. If there is still a tie, places will be determined by the highest average points scored throughout the Order of Merit. The average will be calculated by dividing the total points scored by the player by the number of events the player has played. If a tie still arises, the ordering of subsequent places on the Order of Merit will be decided by lot.

POINTS TABLE:

Eligible Places for Points	Points Awarded Per Event
1 st	400
2 nd	360
3 rd	340
4 th	320
5 th	300
6 th	280
7 th	270
8 th	260
9 th	250
10 th	240
11 th	230
12 th	220
13 th	210
14 th	200
15 th	190
16 th	180
17 th	170
18 th	160
19 th	150
20 th	140
21 st	130
22 nd	120
23 rd	110
24 th	100
25 th	90
26 th	80
27 th	70
28 th	60
29 th	50
30 th	40