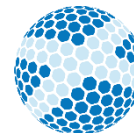


SCOTTISH MEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP TERMS OF THE COMPETITION



Scottish
Golf

29 July – 2 August 2025

Gullane Golf Club (No. 1 & No. 2)

The following must be read in conjunction with the Scottish Golf General Terms of the Competition. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure they have read and comply with these Terms of the Competition.

Entry Fee: £90
Closing Date: Monday 30 June 2025 @ 12 Noon

1. Eligibility

Eligibility criteria:

- a) Be of amateur status as defined by R&A Rules Limited.
- b) Identify as male, transgender female or non-binary whose sex assigned at birth was male or transgender male.
- c) Be in possession of a male assigned WHS™ Handicap Index® not exceeding 6.4.
or
Players who identify as transgender female with a female assigned WHS™ Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4.
- d) All queries regarding transgender eligibility must be directed to governance@scottishgolf.org
- e) Either have been born in Scotland or
- f) Have one parent or grandparent born in Scotland or
- g) Have been domiciled in Scotland for 3 years on 1st of January in the year which the Championship is played.

Even if a player satisfies one or more of the criteria set out above, they are not eligible to play if:

- a) They have played in the Closed Championship of another country within the last 3 years from 1st of January in the year which the Championship is played; other than as a boy i.e. under 18 years of age on 1st of January in the year of that closed Championship.
- b) They have played in another country's full International Team within the last three years from 1 January in the year which the Championship is played; and/or
- c) They are a current member of a national, state or regional squad of another country.

N.B. For the avoidance of doubt, playing in a Closed Boys' Championship of any other country or playing in the Boys' International Team of any other country does not make a player ineligible.

2. Entries

The starting field will be made up as follows:

- a) A maximum of 264 players.
- b) If entries exceed the maximum field size, a ballot of higher handicaps will take place based on WHS™ Handicap Index® taken at close of entry. Balloted entries will be placed on a reserve list.

3. Format

Stroke Play

- a) Qualifying will comprise of a scheduled 36 holes of stroke play contested over 2 days with 18 holes played on each golf course.
- b) Caddies are permitted.

Match Play

- a) The 64 competitors returning the lowest gross scores over 36 holes will qualify for the match play over Gullane No 1 course. In the event of a tie for the qualifying place(s), a card countback will resolve any ties. The count back will be based on the lowest gross 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 used in the same way. If no decision is reached, the winner will be decided by lot.
- b) Each match will consist of 1 round of 18-holes played to a finish including any extra holes played in sequence to decide a winner.

- c) The winner of each match must complete the official match result card and return it without delay to the Scottish Golf office or to a Scottish Golf official on course.
- d) Caddies are permitted.

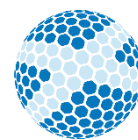
4. Winner and Prizes

The winner of the Championship will be the Scottish Men's Amateur Champion.

A prize presentation will follow the conclusion of play.

Winner: Championship Trophy & Crystal Award
Runner Up: Runner-Up Crystal Award
Semi-finalists: Semi-Finalist Crystal Award (presented at conclusion of their matches)

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.



General Terms of the Competition

1. Rules of Golf

All Championships shall be played in accordance with The R&A Rules of Golf and in addition to the Scottish Golf Limited (Scottish Golf) Hard Card and the Championship specific Terms of the Competition.

All Championships will be run by Scottish Golf to whom all disputes will be referred and whose decision will be final.

2. Amateur Status

All players must be of amateur status as defined by R&A Rules Limited, unless otherwise outlined in the terms of the competition.

3. Entries & Fees

- a) All entries must be completed and received by Scottish Golf by 12 noon on the closing date. They must be accompanied by payment.
- b) Entries can be made via the Scottish Golf [website](#) and payment will be taken at the time of entry.
- c) It is the entrant's responsibility to check that their entry has been received by the closing date and time.
- d) Scottish Golf will only consider late entries should the maximum field size not be achieved and thereafter at their discretion up to 48 hours prior to the Championship concerned.
- e) If entries exceed the maximum field size, a ballot of higher handicaps will take place based on WHS™ Handicap Index® taken at close of entry, unless otherwise outlined in the terms of the competition. Balloted entries will be placed on a reserve list.
- f) An entry fee will only be refunded if the entrant confirms their withdrawal prior to the closing date and time by email to events@scottishgolf.org, or, if they fail to gain entry to the Championship.
- g) Refunds will be issued where applicable within 28 days of the final day of the event concerned.
- h) Players must walk at all times during a stipulated round, unless authorised by a member of the Committee, or permission to use a buggy has been granted in accordance with the Scottish Golf Transportation Policy.
- i) 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. Scottish Golf will not accept entries from Russia or Belarus.
- j) Correspondence will be sent electronically where an email address has been provided. All information will also be available to view on the Scottish Golf [website](#). Scottish Golf will not be responsible for any correspondence that fails to reach the individual.

4. Handicaps

- a) All entrants must be in a possession of a WHS™ Handicap Index®.
- b) The WHS™ Handicap Index® certified at close of entry will be used for all purposes.
- c) It is the entrants' responsibility to ensure that their WHS™ Handicap Index® is up to date at all times. Scottish Golf will take no responsibility for any out-of-date WHS™ Handicap Index® used for balloting or any other purpose.
- d) Independent golfers will only be eligible to enter multi-day National Championships when they hold a mature handicap record of 20+ scores with a minimum of 5 of the last 10 being competition scores. A record comprising of only General Play scores will not be acceptable for entry purposes (excluding the PING Scottish Open for Golfers with a Disability).

5. Reserves

- a) Entrants who fail to gain entry will be allocated a place on a reserve list in order of WHS™ Handicap Index® at close of entry unless otherwise outlined in the Terms of the Competition.
- b) A reserve list will be maintained and managed by Scottish Golf. Should a place(s) in the starting field become available, reserves will be invited to play in the order they are listed on the reserve list. Reserves 1-3 will be permitted to play an official practice round (s).
- c) Should a reserve be unable to be reached, Scottish Golf event staff reserve the right to contact the next available reserve on the list to obtain a full starting field.

6. Withdrawals

- a) In the event of a competitor withdrawing after the closing date, the entry fee will not be refunded.
- b) Withdrawals will only be accepted if written confirmation is received in to events@scottishgolf.org from the player.
- c) If a competitor withdraws from the match play stages of an event after the match play draw is published, their opponent will be the winner of the match.
- d) Any competitor who:
 - Fails to notify Scottish Golf of their withdrawal within 48 hours prior to the start of the Championship.
 - Withdraws from a Championship after the draw has been published.
 - Fails to appear on the tee at their appointed start time.
 - Having commenced a round, fails to continue for a reason (or displays behaviour) Scottish Golf deems unacceptable.

May be subject to an automatic ban (or other disciplinary action) from playing in or entering any Scottish Golf Championships for such a period as Scottish Golf deem appropriate.

Any player who no returns/withdraws/retires during a Championship may not be permitted to take any further part.

7. Registration

- a) Players must register their intention to compete in a Championship by 15:00 on the official practice day(s), either in person at the Championship Office or by other designated method notified to the player.
- b) Failure to do so may result in the player forfeiting their place.

8. Inclement Weather or Exceptional Circumstances

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.

9. Trophies / Prizes

All trophies awarded at Championships shall be retained by Scottish Golf.

Competitors may only win one trophy per event. Where a competitor qualifies to win multiple trophies the higher/older age category takes precedent, and any other trophies will be awarded to the next eligible competitor(s).

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.

11. Policies/Procedures

The following policies apply to all 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

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.