SCOTTISH GOLF R&A 9-HOLE CHALLENGE

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

Handicap Limit: 54.0
Entry Fee: Free
Field Size: Max. 200 Clubs in National Final (Max.100 per day)
Entry: @ scottishgolf.org
Closing Date: Monday 20 May 2019 @ 12 Noon

1. Eligibility

The R&A Scottish Golf 9-Hole Challenge is open to all members of Scottish Golf affiliated clubs meeting the following criteria:

a) Are of amateur status as defined by R&A Rules Limited.
b) Are in possession of a CONGU competition handicap.
c) Only represent 1 Golf Club in the National Final.

d) Qualifying competitions may be standalone or attached to an existing 9-Hole handicap qualifying fixture.
e) Members of more than 1 club may compete in the qualifying competition at each affiliated club where they are a member, but may only represent 1 golf club should they qualify for the National Final.
f) Ready Golf will be encouraged at all stages of the championship.

2. General

a) Open to all Scottish Golf affiliated clubs who have a designated 9-Hole standard scratch score.
b) All stages run in accordance with R&A Rules of Golf and in conjunction with the club’s own local rules.
c) All clubs are invited to hold 9-Hole handicap qualifying competitions.
d) Qualifying competitions may be standalone or attached to an existing 9-Hole handicap qualifying fixture.
e) Members of more than 1 club may compete in the qualifying competition at each affiliated club where they are a member, but may only represent 1 golf club should they qualify for the National Final.
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3. Format

Club Qualifying

a) All stages will be played as 9-Hole stableford played on 1 day and will be handicap qualifying.
b) Event will be contested in pairs which may be male, female or mixed but only include a maximum of 1 U18 player.
c) Pairs must be nominated before play and if competing in same group must not give advice or mark each other’s card.
d) A player’s 9-Hole handicap allowance will be calculated by your club’s handicap software using the formula.
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   \text{Exact Handicap} + \text{Nine-Hole SSS} - (\text{Nine-Hole Par x2}) \div 2.
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e) The team score is calculated from the combined stableford points of both players.
f) The committee is responsible for running the qualifying round and deciding ties at their club.
g) The first 200 entries received (1 pair per club) will qualify for the National 9-Hole Final at Milnathort Golf Club on either Thursday 13 June or Friday 14 June 2019. If over-subscribed a waiting list will be maintained based on time of entry.

National Final

a) In the event of a tie at the National Final, the qualifiers and ordering of subsequent reserve places will be decided by card count back based on the team stableford scores over the last 6 holes (or 3 or 1). If a tie still arises a card play-off from the 1st hole will apply, failing which; the qualifiers and subsequent reserve places will be decided by lot.
b) 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.
c) All disputes will be decided by Scottish Golf whose decision will be final.
d) The leading 2 pairs from each qualifying day at the National Final will advance to the 9-Hole Grand Final which will take place at Royal Portrush on Saturday 13 July where Scottish qualifiers will compete against successful pairs from England, Ireland and Wales.
N.B. Grand Final related correspondence will be communicated via the R&A directly to the finalists’ clubs.

4. Entries

a) All clubs must submit their leading club pair’s score to Scottish Golf by the closing date at https://www.scottishgolf.org/championships/#/competition/1740117/info
b) Scottish Golf will only consider late entries should the maximum field size not be achieved and no later than Tuesday 11 June at 12 noon.
c) It is the entrant’s responsibility to ensure their handicap is correct if entering via CDH.
d) Correspondence will be sent to the club email address provided at time of entry 2 weeks prior to the National Final.
e) Scottish Golf will not be responsible for any correspondence that fails to reach competitors.
f) Scottish Golf reserves the right to refuse any championship entry.

5. Withdrawals
Withdrawals will only be accepted when written confirmation is received by events@scottishgolf.org.

6. National Final Registration
ALL teams must register on the day at the Scottish Golf registration desk at least 30 minutes prior to their start time. Failure to do so may result in a team forfeiting their place in the field.

7. Substitutions
National Final
In the event of a player being unable to compete, a maximum of 1 substitution per pair will be permitted until Tuesday 11 June 2019 at 12 noon.

Grand Final
In the event of a player (s) being unable to compete, the next available pair from the National Final will be invited.

8. Policies /Procedures
The following policies apply to all Scottish Golf National Championships and are available at www.scottishgolf.org:

a) Disciplinary Policy
b) Transportation Policy
c) Pace of Play Policy
d) Anti-Doping Rules – Scottish Golf follow the UK Anti-Doping Rules published by UK Anti-Doping (or its successor), as amended from time to time. Such rules shall take effect and be construed as the rules. You can find the UK Anti-Doping Rules at http://www.ukad.org.uk.
e) Images/Video & Publications – Scottish Golf arranges publicity before and during the championship in the press and by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting and filming and on the internet on the following sites:

www.scottishgolf.org  www.golfbox.dk/livescoring  ScottishGolf TV (youtube)

Images and filming at the championship may be taken for media coverage or promotional purposes e.g. website including social media or publication and these images may be accompanied by personal details such as full name and associated golf club.

Parental consent is required for all entrants U16 this will be required to be completed at time of entry. By ticking yes you give consent for your child to be videoed or photographed. Parental/Guardian name and email address will also be required.

Scottish Golf will follow the guidance for the use of videos and images of young people as detailed within our Child Protection Policy and Procedures (P52) and will take steps to ensure these images are used solely for the purposes they are intended as indicated above.

If you have any concerns regarding videos or photographs on websites or social media sites and either the parent/guardian or the young person wishes the data to be removed please contact the Scottish Golf Child Protection Officer on 01334 466477 or safeguarding@scottishgolf.org.

9. 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 at championships.

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.