

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.

In the case of entry by a golfer with disability, he/she can apply to Scottish Golf for adoption of the Modified Rules of Golf for Players with Disabilities.

2. Amateur Status

All players must be of amateur status as defined by the Rules of Amateur Status.

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 (debit /credit card or cheque payable to 'Scottish Golf Limited').
- b) Entry can be made online www.scottishgolf.org and payment will be taken at time of entry.
- c) If online entry is not possible a PDF entry form can be requested from Scottish Golf. This can be returned by email to events@scottishgolf.org or by post. Entry by telephone is not accepted.
- d) It is the entrant's responsibility to check that their entry has been received by the closing date.
- e) Scottish Golf will only consider late entries should the maximum field size not be achieved and prior to the draw being published.
- f) In the event of a championship being over-subscribed, the level of entries will be reduced to maximum field size number in order of exact handicap at close of entry.
- g) If an entrant withdraws after the closing date their withdrawal is final.
- h) An entry fee will only be refunded if the entrant confirms their withdrawal prior to the closing date by email to events@scottishgolf.org, or, if they fail to gain entry to the championship.
- i) Withdrawal of an entry prior to the closing date will incur an administration charge of £5.
- j) Competitors 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.
- k) 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.
- l) Correspondence will be sent electronically where an email address has been provided. All championship information will be available to view on www.scottishgolf.org. Scottish Golf will not be responsible for any correspondence that fails to reach the individual.

4. Handicaps

- a) The exact handicap certified at close of entry by Centralised Database Handicap (CDH)/Member ID from country of origin' will be used for all purposes.
- b) Where an entry is made using the (CDH)/Member ID from country of origin' no further handicap verification will be required. However, it is the entrants' responsibility to ensure that their exact handicap is up to date at all times. Scottish Golf will take no responsibility for any out of date handicap used for balloting purposes.
- c) Entries received from Non CDH/Member ID players will only be accepted if the player's handicap is verified by their Home Union/Federation/Association at close of entry.
- d) Entrants entering from GB&I must be in a possession of a CONGU Competition Handicap.
- e) Entrants holding both a CONGU and overseas authority handicap must enter the championship using their CONGU handicap.
- f) Entrants entering with a USGA handicap or a handicap from another country adopting the USGA handicap system, will be required to have held a USGA handicap index for a continual period of 3 years or more. **Exception:** A competitor who has held a USGA handicap index for less than 3 years will be considered for entry if their last held handicap under a recognised handicapping system would gain entry under the ballot system.

5. Reserves

- a) Entrants who fail to gain entry will be allocated a place on a reserve list in order of exact handicap at close of entry.
- 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.
- 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 in order to obtain a full starting field.
- d) Refunds of entry fees will be issued to those entrants who fail to gain entry within 28 days of the final day of the championship by the method in which they entered.

6. Withdrawals

- a) In the event of a competitor withdrawing after the closing date, the entry fee will not be refunded.
- b) Withdrawals will not be accepted at any time unless confirmed by email to events@scottishgolf.org.
- c) 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 an event fails to continue for a reason explained to Scottish Golf and deemed unacceptable.

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

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

7. Registration

- a) Competitors 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 competitor.
- b) Failure to do so may result in the competitor 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 prize per event. Where a competitor qualifies to win multiple prizes the higher / older age category takes precedent and any other (s) 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. Policies/Procedures

The following policies and local rules apply to all Scottish Golf National Championships and are available at www.scottishgolf.org and viewed in player info.

- a) Terms of the Competition
- b) Hard Card
- c) Disciplinary Policy
- d) Code of Conduct Policy
- e) Transportation Policy
- f) Pace of Play Policy
- g) 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>.

h) 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

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 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.

You have the right to object to Scottish Golf using your personal information for the above purposes. Should you wish to object please contact events@scottishgolf.org to have your details removed. Please be aware that by removing your data may result in you not being able to directly receive championship specific and draw information which may affect your ability to compete.