



WOMENS SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

ASHRIDGE
7 to 9 July 2021

Closing Date for Entries Friday 4 June 2021
Entry Fee £90

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. 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. 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) have reached the age of 50 years before the first day of the championship.
 - (ii) are members of a golf club affiliated to a National Golf Association.
 - (iii) have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Amateur Status Rules of R&A Rules Limited, and who also
 - (iv) Hold a World Handicap System (WHS) Handicap Index of not more than 5.4 at date of entry, as issued by an Authorised Handicapping Body. In the absence of a WHS Handicap Index, a current equivalent exact handicap, as issued by a recognised Handicap Authority, of not more than 5.4 at date of entry will be accepted.

Entrants holding both a WHS Handicap Index and a handicap issued by a recognised Handicap Authority, must enter the Championship using their WHS Handicap Index. The penalty for failure to enter the Championship in compliance with this Term of Competition is disqualification.

- c) One entry per player must be submitted electronically via randa.org and must be received by close of entries i.e., 23:59hrs BST on Friday 4 June 2021. Entries by telephone will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that their 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 processed within 28 days of the final day of the Championship to the card of original payment. If an entrant withdraws before or after close of entries, their withdrawal is final, and re-entry will not be permitted.
- d) The exact handicap/handicap index certified at date of entry will be used for all purposes. i.e., no change of handicap will be accepted, even if prior to close of entries. Where an entry is made using the entrant's Centralised Database Handicap (CDH) number from the country of origin, it is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that their exact handicap/handicap index is up to date. For an entry to be accepted that has not been made using a CDH, the entrant is required to upload handicap certification as instructed during the online entry process. Failure to upload handicap certification if required will result in an entry being rejected.
- e) Acceptance of an online entry does not guarantee a place in the starting field. Entrants successful in gaining a place in the starting field will be advised after close of entries. The R&A will not be liable to compensate an entrant for any cost or expense incurred prior to the starting field being confirmed.
- f) All entries are subject to the approval of the Committee, which reserves the right to disqualify any person making a false statement in their online entry and/or to accept or refuse or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reasons for its decision. The Committee may request the Certificate of Birth of any entrant before or during the Championship.
- g) All competitors must participate in the Championship in its entirety. Failure to do so may result in future entries being rejected.

- h) A competitor must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a competitor show clinical evidence of use of a drug for a nontherapeutic purpose, the Committee may require the competitor to undergo a drug test. Any competitor infringing this Term of Competition may be disqualified. Entrants who are on medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from The R&A in advance of the championship.

2. FORMAT

- a) The starting field will comprise 90 competitors. In the event of entries exceeding this number, the 90 entrants with the lowest WHS Handicap Index/equivalent exact handicap will be accepted. In the event of a tie, the 90th place shall be decided by ballot, which shall take place immediately after close of entries. Those entrants balloted out will be placed on a reserve list in order of handicap at date of entry. Unsuccessful entrants will have their entry fees refunded. The WHS Handicap Index/equivalent exact handicap certified at date of entry will be used for the purposes of the ballot.
- b) The Committee reserves the right to exempt a player.
- c) A competitor who fails to give The R&A notice of her withdrawal by close of registration or who is absent from the Championship without giving 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. If an entrant withdraws before or after close of entries, their withdrawal is final and re-entry is not permitted.
- d) Competitors must register no later than 15:00 hrs on the day prior to the first day of the Championship. Penalty for Breach - Disqualification.
- e) 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 of whether the competitor's participation is likely to lead to unfair competition at any time either prior to or after the Championship if in its reasonable opinion such an evaluation is or becomes necessary. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor who does not meet the requirements for entry to the Championship.
- f) 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.
- g) The Modified Rules for Players with Disabilities are in effect. To allow The R&A time to consider an application, a golfer who wishes to play under the Modified Rules should contact amateurentries@randa.org at entry, but no later than close of entries, to advise of their wish to use the Modified Rules.
- 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) Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. A player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Committee. The R&A will only consider requests for use of motorised transportation where;
- (i) the player making the request has a qualifying disability and
 - (ii) the need for transportation results from that disability.
- Any requests by a player to use any form of transportation must be made by close of entries. All requests must be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in The R&A's Transportation Policy, available on request from The R&A.
- j) A copy of the Pace of Play Policy will be posted at the Championship venue and will be available on request.
- k) The Championship will be decided by stroke play over three rounds. One round of 18 holes shall be played on each of the first two days. The groups and starting times for the second round shall be determined by the scores on the first day, competitors with the lowest scores starting last. The competitors returning the 40 lowest scores, and any tying for 40th place, over the first 36 holes shall qualify for the final 18 holes on the third day. If a competitor who has posted a two round total that will qualify for the final round, withdraws before or after the final round draw is made, the competitor's results will still be used to calculate the leading 40 places and ties that will determine the cut mark.
- l) In the event of a tie after three rounds, the winner of the Championship will be decided by a hole by hole play-off to take place immediately. In the event of a tie for second place, this will be decided on the lowest score for the last 18 holes (or the last 9 or 6 or 3 or 1 hole). If a tie still arises, the scores for the second round will be treated in the same way until a decision is reached.
- m) A secondary competition will be played within the Championship for competitors who have attained the age of 60 years before the first day of the Championship. The winner of this competition will be the competitor returning the lowest gross score over 54 holes. In the event of a tie, the procedure will be as per the card count back outlined in Term of Competition 2).

3. PRIZES

The winner will become the R&A Women's Senior Amateur Champion and will be awarded the Clark Trophy and a gold medal. The runner-up will receive a silver medal and the competitor in third place and those tying for third place will each receive a bronze medal. The winner of the 60 and over competition will receive a memento.

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.

The R&A will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense suffered by a competitor as a result of a decision taken at any time by the Committee to amend, curtail or cancel the Championship.

- b) Competitors are subject to all safety protocols applicable at the Championship in relation to Health & Safety as issued and updated by The R&A and/or its safety advisers from time to time.
- c) The Committee reserves the right to request proof of vaccination against Covid-19 or that a negative test result has been received not more than 72 hours in advance of the first day of the Championship, and failure to supply such proof within a reasonable timeframe after such request may result in the competitor being withdrawn from the Championship at any stage.
- d) All international competitors are advised to have in place appropriate medical insurance and/or funding to cover routine medical and performance related healthcare such as musculoskeletal injuries, including outpatient investigation. Insurance should include COVID-19 care if reciprocal home country arrangements do not apply. This will include any persons and/or Federation Officials accompanying the competitor for the duration of their stay in the UK, in order that all such medical care is provided outside the NHS.
- e) Competitors must comply with any instructions or further guidance issued by The R&A in relation to the event.
- f) Competitors entering the golf club/course environment may be infrared temperature checked and a positive check (having a temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or higher) may result in the competitor being withdrawn from the Championship at any stage.
- g) 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.
- h) 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.
- i) The R&A seeks media coverage and publicity for the R&A Women's Senior Amateur Championship around and during the Championship in the press and by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting and filming and on the internet. Each competitor by entering the Championship and thereby agreeing to these Terms of Competition assigns to The R&A 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 competitor and/or their caddie (if applicable) made during or in connection with the Championship (including, without limitation, during practice and play) without compensation for the competitor or caddie or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor or caddie. The competitor also assigns to The R&A the right to use and reproduce the competitor and/or their caddie's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised, without compensation for the competitor or caddie or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor or caddie 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 The R&A. Competitors shall be responsible for ensuring that they hold all the necessary rights to grant the above assignments, including appropriate agreements with their caddies. Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of rights, The R&A and its assignees and licensees agree that, other than as permitted above, they will not authorise any company contractually associated with The R&A to use the competitor's or caddie'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. The R&A 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.
- j) All Championship information may be viewed at www.randa.org.
- k) 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 before or during the Championship and/or cancel the Championship before or during play. The decision of the Committee is final in all matters.
- l) These Terms of Competition will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of Scotland.

MARTIN SLUMBERS *Chief Executive*