

**R&A**  
**BOYS AMATEUR**  
CHAMPIONSHIP

TUESDAY 13 TO SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2019

**SAUNTON**  
*Nr Braunton, North Devon, EX33 1LG*

**INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS**

These notes are compiled to give you information about the Championship - please read them carefully. Should you have any additional queries please do not hesitate to contact The R&A's Amateur Championships Department who will be happy to assist you.

**1. OFFICIALS**

**The R&A**

R&A Captain	Chris Hilton
Member in Charge	Brian Fleming
Member in Charge Qualifying (West)	Pam Valentine
Championship Director	Euan Mordaunt
Championship Director Qualifying (West)	Ed Johnson
Chief Referee	Claire Hargan
Chief Referee Qualifying (West)	Chris Wallace
Championship Administrator	Charlotte Prentice
Rules	Claire Dowling
Rules	Tony Disley
Rules	Nigel Theyer
Rules	Douglas Herbert
Rules	Stuart Melville
Rules	Nigel Watt
Rules	Roger Bathurst
Rules	Andrew Biggart
Rules	Ger Henry
Rules	Eithne Knight
Rules	Richard Muckart
Rules	Doug Norval
Recorder	Jim White
Recorder	Jane Brown

**Saunton**

Men's Captain	David Banbury
Women's Captain	Annie Saunders
General Manager	Jon Sutherland
Deputy General Manager	Liz Cann
Course Manager	Ray Day
Professional	Albert MacKenzie

**2. REGISTRATION**

Competitors are required to register for the Championship in the Trophy Room within Saunton Clubhouse.

Hours of opening:

Sunday 11 August	7.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Monday 12 August	8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

A competitor who does not register by 4.00 p.m. on Monday 12 August may be withdrawn from the Championship. If you are unable to register in person, please telephone + 44 (0) 1334 213 400 Ext. 1 or email [amateurentries@randa.org](mailto:amateurentries@randa.org).

At Registration, you must return both the completed Photo & Video Consent Form and Competitor Registration Form. You will be issued with a Registration pack including a competitor's badge, bag tag and complimentary distance guides for Saunton (East & West). Please note, distance guides will only be provided in yards.

Please allow sufficient time to complete the Registration process; a suggested time to allow would be approximately 15 minutes. A photographer will be present to update your online players profile photograph.

Competitors are advised to read the Official Player Noticeboard at each venue on arrival and throughout the Championship.

### 3. ACCOMMODATION / TRAVEL / PARKING

Local accommodation options are listed within the following website;

- [www.sauntongolf.co.uk/where\\_to\\_stay](http://www.sauntongolf.co.uk/where_to_stay)

The nearest airports and approximate drive time to Saunton are Exeter Airport, a 60 mile (1 hour 20 minutes traffic permitting) and Bristol Airport, a 90 mile (2 hour traffic permitting).

The nearest train station is Barnstaple, an approximate 15 minute drive (traffic permitting).

**Competitors are advised to allow sufficient travel time to Saunton given traffic lights in nearby Braunton can cause lengthy delays through the town at peak times.**

Parking at Saunton will be signposted and close to the Clubhouse. Please note that vehicles will be parked at the owner's own risk.

### 4. OFFICIAL PRACTICE DAYS

The official practice day are:

	Saunton
Sunday 11 August	8.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.
Monday 12 August	8.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

To book a practice round at Saunton please e-mail [liz@sauntongolf.co.uk](mailto:liz@sauntongolf.co.uk) or telephone 01271 812 436 Ext. 1. **Bookings for official practice days will be accepted from Thursday 18 July at 9am.** Practice Days are for competitors only.

**ONE BALL ONLY MAY BE PLAYED DURING THE PRACTICE ROUNDS WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION: If a player misses the green with his shot to the green, he may play one additional practice shot.**

Competitors wishing to play a practice round out with the above official practice days may do so at the discretion of the host club and will be subject to a green fee. Any enquiries for such rounds should be directed to the club using the above contact details. Tee times may be restricted and are subject to availability.

## 5. PRACTICE GROUNDS

The opening and closing times will be as follows;

Sunday 11 & Monday 12 August	7.00am – 6.00pm
Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 August	6.00am – 6.00pm
Thursday 15 August	6.00am – 6.00pm
Friday 16 August	6.30am – 5.00pm
Saturday 17 August	7.00am – 8.30am and 11.45am – 1.15pm
Sunday 18 August	7.00am – 8.30am and 12.00pm – 1.00pm

Two controlled practice grounds, with balls free of charge, will be operated. The R&A is indebted to Titleist for providing practice balls for the Championship.

**PRACTICE BALLS MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE PRACTICE GROUNDS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. ANY PLAYER FOUND GUILTY OF THIS ACTION MAY BE LIABLE TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE.**

At both practice grounds, the maximum length is 230 yards. Therefore, due to health and safety reasons, a strict **IRONS ONLY** policy will be enforced. Any competitor found to be using woods of any type may be liable to disciplinary action by the Amateur Championships Committee. Driving nets are available for competitors use located adjacent to the clubhouse.

For the 'Long Practice Ground' adjacent to Tee 2 (West), a shuttle buggy service will be provided to transport competitors between the clubhouse vicinity and practice ground. Competitors **are strongly recommended** to use this shuttle service rather than walk.

Competitors using any of these practice facilities do so at their own risk.

An additional practice facility near to Saunton is Portmore Golf Park, [www.portmoregolf.co.uk](http://www.portmoregolf.co.uk).

## 6. DRAW FOR QUALIFYING ROUNDS

The first stage of the Championship will be decided by stroke play over two rounds. The draw for the stroke play part of the Championship will be released approximately three weeks prior to the Championship.

The draw for the stroke play part of the Championship will be available on The R&A's website, [RandA.org](http://RandA.org) and will be emailed to all competitors. Please note that it is the responsibility of the competitor to ascertain their tee time.

## 7. QUALIFYING ROUNDS – SCORECARDS

Your scorecard will be distributed by the Starter and you should arrive on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee approximately ten minutes before your starting time. The card **must** be returned to The R&A Recording Office **immediately** after the completion of your round.

## 8. QUALIFYING PLACES

The 64 lowest scores over the 36 holes and ties for 64th place will compete in the match play stage. The remainder will be eliminated. The leading qualifiers will be seeded.

## 9. MATCH PLAY STAGES

During the match play stages, it will be the responsibility of the **winner** of a match to return a match result card to the Recorder's Office as soon as possible after the match is completed.

**No play is permitted after completion of a match.**

## 10. LIVE SCORING

Online scoring services will be available throughout the Championship at [www.RandA.org](http://www.RandA.org).

## 11. PACE OF PLAY (Rule 5.6)

It is the responsibility of each competitor to understand the Pace of Play policy. **Failure to comply with the Pace of Play policy may result in you being penalised.** With this in mind you are asked to read carefully the following Pace of Play policy which follows.

It is the responsibility of each group to play within the published maximum times allowed (as defined on the noticeboards and on the hole position charts) and keep up with the group in front. In an effort to eradicate slow play, players may also be subject to random timing even when not out of position.

Players are also strongly encouraged to play 'Ready Golf' during the stroke play qualifying stage of the Championship.

Should you have any questions regarding the Pace of Play policy then please visit the R&A Rules Office at Saunton where R&A Officials will be happy to assist your query.

## 12. DRIVING CLUB CONDITION & GROOVES & PUNCH MARKS

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. For additional guidance, see <https://www.randa.org/en/rulesequipment/equipment/equipmentrules>.

If you have any queries, please contact the Championship Office.

## 13. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (RULE 4.3)

A competitor may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only – see Rule of Golf 4.3a(1), page 43 in the Rules of Golf.

For additional guidance on permissible and non-permissible Distance Measuring Devices, see <https://www.randa.org/en/rulesequipment/equipment/distance-measuring-devices>

If you have any queries, please contact the R&A Rules Office.

## 14. CADDIES / TROLLEY HIRE

**The use of a caddie is NOT PERMITTED at any stage during the Championship.**

Complimentary pull trolleys are available courtesy of The R&A. There are also limited electric trollies available at a cost to the competitor.

## 15. COMPETITORS' LOCKER ROOM

The competitors' locker room is solely for competitors' use during the Championship. Competitors are advised that any items are left at their own risk. **The use of mobile phones is prohibited in the locker room.**

A limited number of lockers are available to competitors on request – please contact the club office, if required. Small £1 return lockers are also available.

If bag storage is required competitors should speak to a member of staff in the Professional's Shop for assistance.

## 16. CLUBHOUSE(S) & CATERING

The clubhouse will be open from 1 hour before the first tee-time each day.

Catering will be available from when the clubhouse opens to 9.00pm (last orders). The club has credit card facilities.

All catering will be at the cost to competitors.

Due to the catering operation being potentially busy particularly around lunch time, competitors are advised to use the 'competitor only' counter for catering within the clubhouse.

## 17. DRESS / GOLF SHOES

Competitors are reminded that a good standard of dress should be worn at all times. Headwear must not be worn in the clubhouse.

The wearing of clean soft spikes within the clubhouse is permitted. However, competitors are requested to bring shoes to change into following golf.

## 18. MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are prohibited on the courses whilst competing (this includes SMS).

In the clubhouse, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LOCKER ROOM, mobile phones are permitted but must be used respectfully and on silent at all times. Phone calls should be made out with public areas.

## 19. SPECTATOR CODE

Spectators must abide by the R&A's spectator code which will be posted on the official notice board. Spectators are prohibited from entering the competitors locker room.

## 20. INSURANCE

Competitors are advised to have a personal public liability insurance policy in place to protect them from claims for damage to third party property or injury to third parties whilst participating in this Championship.

## 21. FUNCTIONS

The R&A will host a Hog Roast welcome reception with complimentary food and refreshments. This will take place, within the clubhouse and terrace at Saunton from 6.00 to 8.00 p.m. on Monday 12 August. All competitors are invited to attend.

The dress code for this event is smart casual or golfing attire.

## 22. PRESENTATION

The prize presentation will take place immediately after play (approximately 4.30pm) on Sunday 18 August.

## 23. EXEMPTION

The Champion will receive an exemption into The Amateur Championship 2020.

## 24. WITHDRAWALS

Competitors seeking to withdraw from the Championship should advise Angus McBride of The R&A Amateur Championships Department by, telephone +44 (0)1334 460 000 or +44 (0)7789 373 218 or email: [amateurentries@randa.org](mailto:amateurentries@randa.org)

## 25. CONTACT INFORMATION

Saunton Golf Club

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[www.sauntongolf.co.uk](http://www.sauntongolf.co.uk)

The R&A Championship Office  
*only*

Tel: +44 (0)1334 213 400 option 1 (*Championship week*)

Email: [amateurentries@randa.org](mailto:amateurentries@randa.org)

[www.RandA.org](http://www.RandA.org)

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**Programme of Events**

(N.B. This programme may be subject to change)

<b>Sunday 11 August</b>	Official Practice Day	8.00am – 4.30pm
	Registration of Competitors	7.30am – 5.00pm
<b>Monday 12 August</b>	Official Practice Day	8.00am – 2.30pm
	Registration of Competitors	8.00am - 4.00pm
	Welcome Hog Roast	6.00 – 8.00pm
<b>Tuesday 13 August</b>	Qualifying Round 1 (3 balls)	7.00am – 2.56pm
<b>Wednesday 14 August</b>	Qualifying Round 2 (3 balls )	7.00am – 2.56pm
<b>Thursday 15 August</b>	Preliminary Round (1 <sup>st</sup> Rnd)	7.00 – 8.00am approx. <i>(subject to number of qualifiers into match play)</i>
	Match play 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rnd	8.30am – 1.45pm approx. <i>(subject to number of qualifiers into match play)</i>
<b>Friday 16 August</b>	Match play 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rnd	7.30am – 9.45am
	Match play 4 <sup>th</sup> Rnd	1.10pm – 2.30pm
<b>Saturday 17 August</b>	Quarter Finals	8.15am – 9.00am
	Semi Finals	1.00pm & 1.30pm
<b>Sunday 18 August</b>	Final (36 Holes)	8.30am & 1.00pm
	Prize Presentation	4.30pm approx.



## Pace of Play Condition - Rule 5.6b

### (a) Time Allowed:

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

**Definition of “Out of Position”:** The first group and any group after a starter’s gap will be considered to be “out of position” if, at any time during the round, the group’s cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered “out of position” if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

**Note:** In making a decision on whether to time a “following group” that is out of position, leniency may be shown to a group that has not exceeded the time allotted for the number of holes completed.

### (b) Procedure When Group is Out of Position:

1. If a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are “out of position” and are being timed.
2. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
  - on a par three hole;
  - an approach shot; and
  - a chip or putt

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his/her ball, it is his/her turn to play and he/she is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his/her ball, repair damage and move loose impediments on his/her line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball and aligning the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

3. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

**Note:** In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

### PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

1 Bad Time	Player will be warned by the referee and told that if he/she has a further bad time he/she will be penalised	
	<u>Stroke Play</u>	<u>Match Play</u>
2 Bad Times	One stroke penalty	One stroke penalty
3 Bad Times	Additional two penalty strokes	Loss of Hole
4 Bad Times	Disqualification	Disqualification

### (c) Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round:

If a group is “out of position” more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if he/she has a second bad time before being advised of his/her earlier bad time.

### (d) Random Timing Without Warning When Group Not Out of Position

In some circumstances, a group or an individual player may be timed without warning, including when a group is not out of position. In such cases of “random timing”, the timing provisions and penalties set out in clause (b) above apply, except that a player will only be given a bad time if he or she exceeds 60 seconds to play a shot, with an extra 10 seconds given (i.e. 70 seconds in total) for the “first to play” shots referenced in (b) above.