

R&A
SENIOR AMATEUR
CHAMPIONSHIP

WEDNESDAY 31 JULY TO FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 2019

NORTH BERWICK
New Club House, Beach Rd, North Berwick EH39 4BB

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

Member in Charge
Assistant Director
Manager
Chief Referee
Rules
Rules
Rules
Rules
Rules
Recorder
Assistant

Neil McConnachie
Susan Simpson
Angus McBride
Charlie Crummey
Peter Arthur
Andrew Biggart
Dympna Conlon
Stuart Melville
Richard Muckhart
Derek Whittet
Rebecca Riddell

North Berwick

Captain
Ladies Captain
General Manager
Course Manager
Professional

Jim Robertson
Dawn Young
Elaine McBride
Stuart Greenwood
Martyn Huish

2. REGISTRATION

Competitors are required to register for the Championship in the North Berwick clubhouse.

Hours of opening:

Monday 29 July	10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Tuesday 30 July	8.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

A competitor who does not register by 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday 30 July may be withdrawn from the Championship. If you are unable to register in person by this deadline, please telephone + 44 (0) 7834 469970 or email 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 a complimentary distance guide. 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 on arrival and throughout the Championship.

3. ACCOMMODATION / TRAVEL / PARKING

Local accommodation options are listed within the following websites;

www.booking.com

www.golfeastlothian.com/stay

The nearest airport and approximate drive time to North Berwick is Edinburgh International Airport. It is 34 miles and 55 minutes drive. (traffic permitting)

The nearest train station is North Berwick.

Competitors are strongly advised to allow additional time for travel and parking due to other events in the area at the time. The local roads may be very busy.

Limited competitor parking will be signposted and close to the Clubhouse. Please note that vehicles will be parked at the owner's own risk and space will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

4. OFFICIAL PRACTICE DAYS

The official practice day are:

Monday 29 July	10.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Tuesday 30 July	8.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

To book your practice round(s) please contact by e-mail bookings@northberwickgolfclub.com or telephone +44 (0) 1620 897146

Bookings for official practice days will only be accepted from Thursday 11 July 2019.

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 clubs 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 GROUND

The opening and closing times will be as follows;

Monday 29 July	7.00am – 6.00pm
Tuesday 30 July	7.00am – 6.00pm
Wednesday 31 July	6.00am – 6.00pm
Thursday 1 August	6.00am – 6.00pm
Friday 2 August	7.00am – 2.00pm approx

A mini bus shuttle service will be provided to transport competitors between the clubhouse and the practice ground. Competitors **must** allow sufficient time for this shuttle service journey.

A controlled practice ground, with balls provided free of charge, will be operated throughout the Championship. The teeing area will be operated on a tee time priority basis. The R&A is indebted to Titleist for providing practice balls for the Championship.

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

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

6. DRAW FOR QUALIFYING ROUNDS

The draw for the first two rounds of the Championship will be available on The R&A's website, RandA.org and will be emailed to all competitors approximately 3 weeks prior to the Championship. Please note that it is the responsibility of the competitor to ascertain their tee time.

7. SCORECARDS

Your scorecard will be distributed by the Starter and you should arrive on the 1st 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. CUT

The lowest 60 scores and ties returned over the 36 holes will compete in the 3rd round.

9. LIVE SCORING

Online scoring services will be available throughout the Championship at www.RandA.org.

10. 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 Championship.

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

11. 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.

12. 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 Championship Office.

13. CADDIES / TROLLEY HIRE

A limited number of caddies will be available and must be booked well in advance of the Championship to avoid disappointment.

To book a caddie please e-mail bookings@northberwickgolfclub.com or telephone +44 (0) 1620 897146

The rate is £50 (plus tip)

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

14. 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.**

15. CLUBHOUSE & CATERING

The clubhouse will be open from 6am each day.

Catering will be available from when the clubhouse opens to 9.30pm (last orders). The club has credit card facilities.

All catering will be at the cost to competitors.

16. DRESS CODE

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 clubhouses is permitted. However, competitors are reminded that waterproofs and wet clothing is not permitted upstairs.

17. MOBILE PHONES

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

Off the course, with the exception of the locker room, mobile phones are permitted but must be used respectfully and on silent at all times. Voice calls should be made out with public areas.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. FUNCTIONS

You are invited to The R&A Welcome Reception in the clubhouse, from 6.00 to 7.30 p.m. on Monday 29 July. It is hoped that as many competitors as possible will attend.

The dress code for this event is smart casual.

21. PRESENTATION

The prize presentation will take place immediately after play (approximately 5.30pm) on Friday 2 August

22. EXEMPTIONS

The Champion will receive full exemption to The 2019 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship providing he is still an amateur at the time and throughout the respective Championship.

23. WITHDRAWALS

Competitors seeking to withdraw from the Championship should advise Angus McBride of the R&A Amateur Championships Department by, telephone +44 (+ 44 (0) 7834 469970 or +44 (0)7789 373 218 or email: amateurentries@randa.org

24. CONTACT INFORMATION

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The R&A

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www.RandA.org

The R&A Championship Office
only

Tel: +44 (0)1334 213400 option 1 (*Championship week*)

25. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Monday 29 July	Official Practice Day		10:30 – 17:00hrs
	Registration of Competitors		10:00 – 17:00hrs
	R&A Welcome Reception		18:00 – 19.30hrs
Tuesday 30 July	Official Practice Day		08:00 – 16:00hrs
	Registration of Competitors		08:00 – 15.00hrs
Wednesday 31 July	Round 1 <i>3 balls</i>	(144 players - 3 balls)	07:00–15:52hrs approx. <i>11 minute intervals</i>
Thursday 1 August	Round 2 <i>3 balls</i>		07:00–15:52hrs approx. <i>11 minute intervals</i>
Friday 2 August	Round 3 <i>2 balls</i>	60 players and ties exactly	07:30 – 13:00hrs <i>9 minute intervals</i>
	Prize Presentation		17:30hrs approx.
	Champions' Champagne Reception Immediately following Prize Presentation		