GIRLS U16 AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

THE BERKSHIRE (RED COURSE)
26 – 28 April 2024

Closing Date for Entries Wednesday 27 March 2024
Entry Fee £50

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. ENTRIES

a) By submitting an entry for the R&A Girls' U16 Amateur Championship (the '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 they have read and comply with these Terms of Competition.

b) The Championship shall be open to players of the female gender born in any year from and including 2008 who:
   (i) are members of a golf club affiliated to a National Golf Association, authorised to adopt manage and maintain the World Handicap System™ (WHS) within their jurisdiction; and
   (ii) have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Rules of Amateur Status as published by R&A Rules Limited and the USGA, and who also hold a Handicap Index® of not more than 6.4 at date of entry, as issued by an Authorised Handicapping Body. In the absence of a Handicap Index® a current equivalent exact handicap, as issued by a recognised Handicap Authority, of not more than 6.4 at date of entry will be accepted.

c) Entrants holding both a Handicap Index® and a handicap issued by a recognised Handicap Authority, must enter the Championship using their Handicap Index®. The penalty for failure to enter the Championship in compliance with this section 1(c) is disqualification.

d) The R&A reserves the right to refuse any entry, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry where, in its reasonable opinion, there is evidence to suggest that the player's Handicap Index® or equivalent does not reflect their demonstrated ability. Please note that The R&A may contact your current or previous home club, Authorised Association or Federation to request your full handicap record for these purposes.

e) 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 Wednesday 27 March 2024. 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.

f) Entrants may notify The R&A of any reduction in handicap before close of entries. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that their Handicap Index®/equivalent exact handicap is up to date and any handicap changes have been received and subsequently adjusted prior to close of entries. Any alterations must be notified by email to amateurentries@randa.org. The Handicap Index®/equivalent exact handicap at date of entry will be used for the purposes of the ballot except where update of handicap has been notified to The R&A as described above. After close of entries, any subsequent handicap changes will be disregarded. Those entrants balloted out will be placed on a reserve list in order of handicap as described above. Unsuccessful entrants will have their entry fees refunded.

g) 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.

h) 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.

i) All competitors must participate in the Championship in its entirety. Failure to do so may result in future entries being rejected.

j) All competitors are subject to the provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy. Details of the Policy, and the current List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation's website (www.igfgolf.org). Entrants who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from The R&A or the IGF knowing that, should a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) be required this must be submitted to the IGF not later than 30 days before the start of the Championship.

2. FORMAT

a) The starting field will comprise 80 competitors. In the event of entries exceeding this number, the 80 entrants with the lowest Handicap Index®/equivalent exact handicap will be accepted. In the event of a tie, the 80th place shall be decided by ballot, which shall take place immediately after close of entries. Unsuccessful entrants may be given the opportunity to compete in the event of withdrawals. The Reserve List will be in order of Handicap Index®/equivalent exact handicap.

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 The R&A notice of her withdrawal will have her entries to all R&A Championships rejected for the next calendar year. Exceptions may be made in the 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, or they will be withdrawn.

e) Entrants must be of the female gender and have been female at birth or have had the female sex 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) Any player who believes they are eligible to use the Modification for Players with Disabilities (Rule 25) should contact amateurentries@randa.org at entry to confirm their eligibility to use the specific modifications in Rule 25.

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 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) Model Local Rule G-12 is in effect. Under this MLR, a player must not use any written, printed, or electronic materials to help with reading the line of play for a stroke to be made from on the putting green. While any other use of a yardage book is allowed (such as a player making a note as to what club they used on an approach shot), to avoid any doubt a player should not look at their yardage book or any other material when the ball is on the putting green. If a player breaches this Local Rule, they get the general penalty for the first breach and disqualification for a second breach.

k) A player is prohibited from having a caddie during a round.

l) A copy of the Pace of Play Policy will be posted at the Championship venue and will be available on request.

m) The Championship shall consist of 54 holes stroke play. One round of 18 holes shall be played on each day. 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 first. The pairings and starting times for the final round shall be determined by the 36 hole total with the competitors with the lowest scores starting last. There will be no cut.

3. PRIZES

Age category prizes will be awarded based on the principle of section 1 (b).

a) The Angela Uzielli Trophy will be presented to the competitor returning the lowest score for the 54 holes. The winner will be the R&A Girls' U16 Amateur Champion and shall also receive a gold medal. In the event of a tie for the Championship there will be a hole-by-hole play-off immediately after the final card has been returned to determine the winner.

b) Mementos will be presented to the competitors in 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions.

c) The Liz Pook Trophy will be presented to the competitor under 14 years of age returning the lowest score for the 54 holes.

d) The Fulford Trophy will be presented to the competitor under 12 years of age returning the lowest score for the 54 holes.

e) A prize will be presented to the competitor returning the lowest 18 hole score in each round of the Championship.

f) All ties, except in determining the winner of the Championship, will be decided by card count back using the 18 hole third round score (followed by last 9, 6, 3 or 1 of that round). If still a tie, the 18 hole second round score (followed by last 9, 6, 3 or 1 of that round) will be used. If a tie still arises, the 18 hole first round score (followed by last 9, 6, 3, or 1 of that round) will be used.

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.

b) 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.

c) 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.

d) All 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. This will include any competitors who may have travelled internationally 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 Championship.

f) The R&A requires players and their team to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of the Championship and the sport of golf. Players and their team shall at all times act in the best interests of the sport and the Championship, and shall not conduct themselves in an unlawful or improper manner so as to bring the Championship, The R&A, the sport of golf or its governing bodies into disrepute and shall not use any one of or a combination of, violent conduct, threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting words or behaviour. Players and their team shall comply with any Code of Conduct set by the Committee from time to time. For the purposes of this condition, a player's team includes their agents, coaches or other support team including family members present at the Championship or in the environs of the Championship venue or otherwise acting in relation to the Championship. 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.

g) 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.

h) All competitors are subject to the provisions of The R&A's Logos and Marks Policy in force at the date of the Championship.

i) The R&A seeks media coverage and publicity for the R&A Girls' U16 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 hereby 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 made during or in connection with the Championship (including, without limitation, during practice and play) without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor. The competitor also assigns to The R&A the right to use and reproduce the competitor's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised, without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor 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 assignations. 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 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 laws of Scotland.

MARTIN SLUMBERS *Chief Executive*