R&A

WOMENS AND MENS

HOME INTERNATIONALS

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. ELIGIBILITY

a) The R&A Womens and Mens Home International Matches will comprise of one combined team of women and men. Female competitors must be of the female gender and have been female at birth or have had the female gender assigned. Male competitors must be of the male gender and have been male at birth or have had the male 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 Matches 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 competing in the Matches. In all other respects the qualification shall be the same as that laid down by each country for its Closed Championship.

b) Representation of a country shall be defined as one who has been selected to play for a country in the International Matches, has had their name included in the official list of team members for that match and has been present at the match venue.

2. FORMAT

a) The Matches shall be open to teams of amateur golfers from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and shall be known as the R&A Womens & Mens Home Internationals.

b) Each team shall be entitled to nominate not more than 16 players (7 women and 9 men) without necessarily specifying who shall play in the singles and the foursomes.

Each team must nominate one team captain for the women and one for the men who must both be amateur golfers. He/she can be a playing or non-playing captain. In the event a playing captain(s) is appointed they will be included within the team numbers noted above. One of these captains must be appointed 'Overall Team Captain' and have full responsibility for submitting the order of play and speaking at the prize presentation if required.

c) The appointed womens captain and mens captain may give advice. Alternatively, the role of advice giver may be delegated to another appointed person for the women and /or another appointed person for the men. In this instance the advice giver may be an amateur or professional golfer. The appointed persons may provide advice to women or men within a team.

The appointed persons must not go onto putting greens or into bunkers to give advice during a round. Such persons must be identified to the Committee at the Captains Meeting.

A playing captain must not give advice during his/her round, even if they are named as the advice giver.

d) The Matches will be played on three consecutive days. Each team shall play every other team.
The order of play for Day 1 will be determined in accordance with the relative positions of the four Countries in the previous year's matches. i.e. Match 1 will comprise the champion Country versus the fourth-placed team, while Match 2 will comprise the second versus the third placed teams.

e) The order of matches for Day 2 will comprise of the winners of Match 1 on Day 1 versus the losers of Match 2 on Day 1, while Match 2 will comprise the losers of Match 1 on Day 1 versus the winners of Match 2 on Day 1. In the event of a Match being tied, the winners will be decided on the results of the singles scores i.e. the team winning the most points in the singles. If the results of the foursomes and singles are tied, then it will be decided on the winner of the top singles match, second singles match and so forth until a result is achieved.

f) On Day 3 those teams still to meet will play. The order of play will be determined by the number of match points won by each team with the team with the highest number of match points having the honour in Match 2. In the event of a tie with match points, then the same principle will apply to the number of game points won by each team. Once Match 2 is established, then Match 1 will comprise the two remaining teams with the honour given to

the team with the greater match points or in the event of a tie the greater number of game points between each side. In the event of all teams tying on match and game points, the allocation of teams to Match 1 and Match 2, and the honour, will be determined by the drawing of lots.

g) A match shall consist of 7 foursomes games (3 womens and 4 mens) and 14 singles games (6 womens and 8 mens). Each game shall consist of 18 holes. If a game is tied after 18 holes, it will not be extended.

h) It is the responsibility of the winner(s) of a game to report the result to a referee / R&A Championship Office as soon as possible after the game is completed. No further play is permitted after the conclusion of a game.

i) One game point shall be awarded for a win in each foursomes and singles game . A half point shall be awarded to each side for a halved game.

j) Each team shall be awarded one match point for winning a match and half a point for a halved match.

k) The 'Overall Team Captain' is responsible for submitting the order of play for each session by the required deadline.

Day 1 foursomes order of play must reach the R&A Championship Office on site no later than 17.00 hours on the official practice day and not later than half an hour after each team's Match has concluded on all other days.

The order of play for the singles shall be handed in not later than half an hour before the team concerned is due to start. The order of play for all sessions must be composed of nominated players. Failure to submit the order of play by the required deadline will result in the order of play from the previous day being used automatically or in the case of the first day's pairings, the nominated players will play and be paired by gender and then alphabetically by surname.

l) Should a nominated player be incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence, another player not previously nominated may be substituted up to a period of 24 hours before the affected country's first game on Day 1. Thereafter, the nominated list of players may only be adjusted by permission of the Committee.

m) Should any player be incapacitated on the day of the match by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence, the remaining nominated player may be substituted up to the time the player is due to start from the first tee in the morning or in the afternoon. In the foursomes or the singles, the substitute shall take the place of the player she/he replaces. A player who has been substituted in the morning may compete in the afternoon.

n) If a player becomes sick or injured after a particular game has started and the player cannot continue then the side will forfeit the game.

o) Should any player be incapacitated on the day of the match by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence and the remaining nominated player has already been substituted, the side will forfeit the game.

p) If it becomes impossible to complete the matches in accordance with the Terms of the Competition, because of adverse weather or other circumstances, the Committee reserves the right to amend the format to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available. This may include the cancellation of points already gained, or any other method deemed advisable to reach a conclusion under the prevailing circumstances.

q) In the event of the total abandonment of the matches without a conclusion being reached, the present holders will retain the trophy if applicable. A "no result" will be recorded and the order of matches retained for the following year.

3. RULES AND REGULATIONS

a) The Matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the Local Rules and Terms of Competition on The R&A Hard Card and any additional Local Rules as approved by the Committee.

b) If any player(s) believes they are eligible to use the Modification for Players with Disabilities (Rule 25), the Home Nation should contact amateurentries@randa.org when submitting its team to confirm the player(s) eligibility to use the specific modifications in Rule 25.

c) Model Local Rule G-10 in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf is in effect. In making a stroke, the player must not use a club, except for a putter, which exceeds 46 inches in length.

d) 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.

e) 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 disability and (ii) the player can demonstrate that there is a medical need for transportation that results from that disability. Any requests by a player to use any form of transportation must be made by the Home Nation when submitting its team. 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.

f) Caddies are not permitted.

g) The use of Electric trolleys is not permitted.

h) The Pace of Play Policy will be posted at the venue and will be available on request.

i) All players 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). Players 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 Matches.

4. TROPHIES

Team positions shall be determined according to the highest number of match points.

The R&A Trophy will be awarded to the Country with the most match points over the combined series of womens and mens matches and will be presented to the winning 'Overall Team Captain'.

When two or more teams have scored an equal number of match points the positions shall be determined by the number of individual womens and mens combined game points (including games halved). If still a tie, the team with the highest number of individual womens and mens game combined wins (excluding games halved) will be used.

Should there still be a tie, the individual match result (womens and mens combined) of the tied countries will be used. In the event of this match being tied, the finishing position will be decided on the results of the womens and mens combined singles scores i.e. the team winning the most points in the singles. If the results of the foursomes and singles are tied, then it will be decided on the winner of the top singles game, second singles game and so forth until a result is achieved.

If still a tie, it shall be resolved by aggregating the number of holes played in the individual games won over the series of matches and the team with the fewest number of holes played shall be declared the winner. If still tied, the trophy shall be held for an equal period of time by each of the countries that have tied.

The International Shield will be awarded to the Country which gains the most match points over the womens series of Matches. The Trophy was presented by Mr T.H. Miller, Past Vice-President of the Ladies' Golf Union.
The Hugh C Kelly Cup will be awarded to the Captain of the winning womens team. The International Shield and the Hugh C Kelly Cup will be presented to the Captain of the winning womens team.

The Raymond Trophy will be awarded to the Country which gains the most match points over the mens series of Matches. The Raymond Trophy was presented by the late Mr R H Oppenheimer in 1952. The Raymond Trophy will be presented to the Captain of the winning mens team.

When two or more teams have scored an equal number of match points in either the womens or mens series of matches, the positions shall be determined as outlined above.

5. GENERAL

a) The R&A will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense suffered by a player/country which was not reasonably foreseeable 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 player/country as a result of a decision taken at any time by the Committee to amend, curtail or cancel the Matches.

b) Players are subject to all safety protocols applicable at the Matches 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 and/or that a negative test result has been received within a prescribed timescale in advance of the first day of the Matches (and as frequently as

may be required thereafter). Failure to supply such proof after such request may result in the player being withdrawn from the Matches at any stage.

d) All players 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.

e) Players must comply with any instructions or further guidance issued by The R&A in relation to the event.

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 caddies (if permitted) as well as any 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 or National Golf Association. If the competitor is considered to have committed serious misconduct the competitor may be disqualified.

g) All players are subject to the provisions of The R&A's Anti-Corruption and Betting Policy in force at the date of the Matches.

h) The R&A seeks media coverage and publicity for the R&A Womens & Mens Home Internationals around and during the Matches in the press and by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting and filming and on the internet. Each player, by completing the media consent form, 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 player made during or in connection with the Matches (including, without limitation, during practice and play) without compensation for the player or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the player. The player also assigns to The R&A the right to use and reproduce the player's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised, without compensation for the player or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the player including in circumstances where it may include the logo of a third party or of a sponsor or patron of the Matches or any subsequent Championships/Matches or any other activities undertaken by The R&A. Player's 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 player'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 player's authorisation. The R&A may also use any image of the player taken at the Matches to populate the relevant pages of the WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING® website at wagr.com.

i) Pertinent information about the Matches may be viewed at www.randa.org

j) The Committee's objective is to complete the Matches as per the format outlined in these Terms of Competition.

k) The Committee reserves the right to amend these Terms of Competition at any time including the right to arrange and/or alter starting times. 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.