The G4D Open

WOBURN (DUCHESS)
10 – 12 May 2023

Closing Date for Entries Friday 31 March 2023
Entry Fee £100

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. ENTRIES

a) By submitting an entry for The G4D Open (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 that they have read and comply with these Terms of Competition.

b) The delivery of The G4D Open will be overseen by a committee comprised of representatives from The R&A and the DP World Tour ('The G4D Committee').

c) The Championship shall be open to male and female professional and amateur players who meet all of the following requirements:

(i) Players must hold a valid WR4GD pass with an eligible impairment from the list below:

- Impaired Muscle Power
- Impaired Passive Range of Movement
- Limb Deficiency
- Leg Length Difference
- Short Stature
- Hypertonia
- Ataxia
- Athetosis
- Vision Impairment
- Intellectual Impairment (II1, II2 and II3)

Players who need to obtain a WR4GD pass can apply via the EDGA website (edgagolf.com) which will require submission of any relevant medical information to support their application. Assessment can then be arranged with an EDGA Eligibility Assessors in their locality or on of one of the UK Assessment days.

Players with a WR4GD pass but who have fluctuating conditions must have been reviewed in the period between 1st January 2023 and close of entries.

All players entering the Championship will be subject to review before being accepted .

(ii) Players must be 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. *

(iii) Players must hold a Handicap Index® of not more than 36.4 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 36.4 at date of entry will be accepted. *

* Please note: The requirements of sections 1 (c) (ii) and 1 (c) (iii) do not apply to professional golfers. If you are a professional golfer who does not hold a handicap, you will be required to upload evidence of your professional status during the online entry process.

d) 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 (d) is disqualification.

e) 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®/equivalent exact handicap 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.

f) 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 31 March 2023 . 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.

g) 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 all purposes except where an update of handicap has been notified to The R&A as described above. After close of entries, any subsequent handicap changes will be disregarded.

h) 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.

i) All entries are subject to the approval of The R&A, 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.

j) 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 G4D Committee may require the competitor to undergo a drug test. Any competitor found to be in breach of this section 1 (j) may be disqualified. Entrants who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from The G4D Committee in advance of the Championship.

2. FORMAT

a) The starting field will comprise a maximum of 80 competitors and played in 9 Sport Classes:

- Standing 1 (St1)
- Standing 2 (St2)
- Standing 3 (St3)
- Intellectual 1 (In1)
- Intellectual 2 (In2)
- Visual 1 (V1)
- Visual 2 (V2)
- Sitting 1 (Si1)
- Sitting 2 (Si2)

The G4D Committee will allocate each competitor's Sport Class.

b) The current overall champion of the G4D Tour Series Finale @ DP World Tour Championship will be allocated a place in the starting field of the Championship. This player must have submitted an online entry on or before close of entries

c) The G4D Committee reserves the right to exempt a player.

d) The R&A will finalise the field after close of entries. Having allocated places to entrants under sections 2(b) and 2(c), the field will be completed by competitors from each Sport Class to ensure equitable representation across gender and Sport Classes where practicable. Unsuccessful entrants may be given the opportunity to compete in the event of withdrawals.

e) Multiple sets of tees will be used ensuring the course length is appropriate for each Sport Class.

f) A competitor who fails to give The R&A notice of their withdrawal by close of registration or who is absent from the Championship without giving notice of their withdrawal will have their entry rejected for the next calendar year. Exceptions

may be made in the case of sickness and other special circumstances at the discretion of The R&A. If an entrant withdraws before or after close of entries, their withdrawal is final, and re-entry is not permitted.

g) Competitors must register no later than 12:00 hrs (midday) BST on the day prior to the first day of the Championship or they will be withdrawn.

h) The Championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules as approved by The G4D Committee.

i) 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.

j) The G4D Committee will permit the use of motorised transportation by players holding a positive buggy indicator on their valid WR4GD pass. All other use of motorised transportation will be subject to the approval of The G4D Committee in its sole discretion.

k) A copy of the Pace of Play Policy will be circulated electronically and will be available on request.

l) The Championship will be decided by stroke play over 3 rounds. One round of 18 holes shall be played on each day. The groups and starting times for the first and second round shall be advised to competitors as soon as practicable after registration closes. 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.

m) In the event of a tie after 3 rounds, the winner of the Championship will be decided by a hole by hole play-off to take place immediately. Except in determining the winner of the Championship, all ties will be decided by card count back using the 18 hole 3rd round score (followed by last 9, 6, 3 or 1 of that round). If still a tie, the 18 hole 2nd round score (followed by last 9, 6, 3 or 1 of that round will be used. If a tie still arises, the 18 hole 1st round score (followed by last 9, 6, 3, or 1 of that round) will be used.

3. PRIZES

The Champion may have played over any course length and be of any gender.

a) The winner will become The G4D Open Champion and will be awarded the Championship Trophy and a memento.
b) The runner-up will receive a memento.
c) The competitor in third place and those tying for third place will each receive a memento.
d) The winners in each Sport Class listed in section 2 (a) above will receive a memento.
e) The leading competitor of the opposite gender to the overall Champion will receive a memento.

4. GENERAL

a) The R&A and the DP World Tour 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 or the DP World Tour.

b) The R&A and the DP World Tour 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 G4D 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 G4D Committee 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. Insurance should include COVID-19 care. 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 G4D Committee in relation to the Championship.

f) The G4D Committee 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 DP World Tour, 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 G4D Committee from time to time. For the purposes of this condition, a player's team includes their caddies 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 G4D 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 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 and/or caddies are subject to the provisions of The R&A's Logos and Marks Policy in force at the date of the Championship.

i) The G4D Committee seeks media coverage and publicity for The G4D Open 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 the DP World Tour and their respective 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 and the DP World Tour 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 and the DP World Tour. Competitors shall be responsible for ensuring that they hold all the necessary rights to grant the above assignations, including appropriate agreements with their caddies. Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of rights, The R&A and the DP World Tour and their respective assignees and licensees agree that, other than as permitted above, they will not authorise any company contractually associated with The R&A or the DP World Tour 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 WR4GD Rankings at wagr.com

j) All Championship information including a list of accepted entries may be viewed at www.randa.org

k) The G4D Committee's objective is to complete the Championship as per the format outlined in these Terms of Competition.

l) The G4D Committee reserves the right to amend these Terms of Competition at any time including the right to arrange and/or alter starting times and/or cancel the Championship before or during play. The decision of The G4D Committee is final in all matters.

m) These Terms of Competition will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Scotland.

The G4D Committee