

R&A
THE AMATEUR
CHAMPIONSHIP

HILLSIDE AND SOUTHPORT & AINSDALE 2023
NOTICE TO PLAYERS ON RULES MATTERS

We expect all players to read the Local Rules and Terms of Competition on the R&A Hard Card (Effective January 2023) (issued by email prior to the championship), and the Additional Local Rules for the course.

The Additional Local Rules will be emailed to you before your first round and will be available to photograph on the first tee.

In addition, we would bring your attention to the following points:

1. Pace of Play

Please ensure you read the Pace of Play policy that was emailed to you before the Championship. A hard copy of this will also be available on the noticeboard.

It is important to note that any **bad times will be carried through to the end of the 36-hole stroke play qualifying**. For example, if you get a bad time in Round 1 of qualifying and you get a further bad time either later in Round 1 or during Round 2 of qualifying, you will get a one-stroke penalty.

If there is anything relating to pace of play that you do not understand, please ask for guidance from a Referee.

2. Alternative Teeing Areas - Hillside

Alternative teeing areas may be used during the Championship at Hillside on holes 3, 10, 14 and 18. During practice, championship tee-markers will be positioned on the tee that is expected to be used for the stroke play qualifying round and club tee markers will be positioned at the alternative tee that may be used for one or more of the match play rounds. You may practice from both tees.

Alternative teeing areas may be used at any hole throughout the Championship at the discretion of The R&A.

3. Out of Bounds – 9th and 18th holes – Hillside

The R&A compound and spectator area behind the 9th green and to the right of the 18th fairway is out of bounds as defined by the white posts.

4. Practice putting green and surrounds – 18th hole – Hillside

- The practice putting green, adjacent flower bed are deemed to be one, and relief **MUST** be taken.
- The line of country flags closest to the practice putting green and the area between the flags and the practice putting green as defined by blue dots are one TIO.

A drop zone is available as an additional option for relief from both of these areas to the side of the wrong green.

5. Naturalised Sandy Areas – Hillside and Southport & Ainsdale

There are many naturalised sandy areas at both Hillside and Southport & Ainsdale. These are areas that have not been fully prepared and that do not have rakes available.

However rakes have been provided for the naturalised sandy areas on either side of the 5th fairway at Hillside (100 yards short of the green) given their proximity to the fairway.

The naturalised sandy areas are not bunkers and are part of the general area, but there is no free relief for a ball that is embedded in sand in these areas.

6. Clubs Longer than 46 Inches Prohibited (Model Local Rule G-10)

In making a stroke, the player must not use a club, except for a putter, which exceeds 46 inches in length. If you need to check the length of your driver to ensure it does not exceed this maximum length, please contact the Chief Referee.

7. Caddies

Caddies are allowed throughout the Championship, however please note that if your caddie is standing ahead of play to help spot your ball, the three minute search time will start from when they start to look for your ball. But, your caddie may delay searching for your ball until you start to search for your ball.

Once someone has taken an action which would be performed as a caddie during a round (such as giving advice), they will be assumed to be your caddie for the remainder of the round.

8. Ready Golf

During the stroke play qualifying rounds you are strongly encouraged to play Ready Golf - when it is safe to do so.

9. Player Conduct

Players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, shout "fore" if necessary, and demonstrate courtesy and sportsmanship at all times. Players should behave in an exemplary manner towards everyone involved in the Championship at all times. Any player breaching this code of conduct may be subject to disciplinary action by the Amateur Championships Committee as per Term of Competition 5f).

10. Provisional Balls

If there is any possibility that your ball may be lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds, you are strongly encouraged to play a provisional ball (which you must announce).

11. Distance Measuring Devices

Rule 4.3a permits the use of Distance Measuring Devices. They must NOT measure elevation changes. For full information please see Rule 4.3a.

Additional guidance on permissible and non-permissible Distance Measuring Devices is available at <http://www.randa.org/en/Equipment/Distance-Measuring-Devices.aspx>

12. Yardage Books (Clarification 4.3a/1)

Clarification 4.3a/1 in the Rules of Golf limits the size and scale of detailed putting green maps and any similar electronic or digital material that you may use. If you are not using The R&A Amateur Championship yardage book that has been provided to you please ensure that you check with a referee that any other materials you are using that contain a putting green map is allowed.

13. Motorised Transportation

During a round, you must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Committee.

14. Other Mobile Devices

You should use your mobile device, such as a phone, to enter your own score after each hole using the GolfBox link sent to you by email. Your own unique passcode to login will be emailed and will also be available from the Starter.

You may also use your mobile device to call for a referee using the phone number at the foot of the additional Local Rules.

15. Pin Positions

Pin positions will be added to the player portal the evening before each round. A hard copy will also be posted on the noticeboard and 1st tee should you prefer to take a photograph.

The Amateur Championships Committee