

## ANTI-CORRUPTION AND BETTING POLICY FOR COMPETITORS AND CADDIES - AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INTERNATIONAL TEAM MATCHES

## Introduction

In recent years a number of sports have experienced problems with match-fixing, betting-related corruption, or inappropriate betting by participants or other people connected to the sport. We are not aware of any such issues having occurred in golf generally, or at R&A Amateur Championships or International Team Matches in particular. However, even if the risk is low, it exists, and we must not be complacent about potential threats, in particular those posed by corrupters from outside the sport.

Therefore, R&A Championships Limited ("The R&A") will work collaboratively with all relevant stakeholders, including Competitors, Caddies, Officials and Employees to do what is necessary and proportionate to protect the integrity of The R&A's Amateur Championships and International Team Matches, and everyone involved in them, to ensure there are no actual or perceived integrity issues. The purpose of this Anti-Corruption and Betting Policy for Competitors and Caddies (the "Policy") is to set out binding standards of conduct to protect the integrity of R&A Amateur Championships and International Team Matches.

Competitors and Caddies should also be aware that The R&A works closely with the Gambling Commission of Great Britain ("GBGC") together with organisations who monitor global golf betting markets for potential integrity breaches. As a consequence of the contractual arrangements in place between the GBGC and licensed betting operators, the GBGC is duty bound to inform The R&A of any potential violations of this Policy by Competitors or Caddies, which includes reporting any suspicious betting activity.

Please read this Policy carefully as compliance is a condition of entry for and participation in R&A Amateur Championships and International Team Matches

If you have any specific enquiries about the Policy, please contact Johnnie Cole-Hamilton, Executive Director – Championships, either by email (integrity@randa.org) or by telephone (01334 460000).

## **The Policy**

- No Competitor or Caddie shall either directly or indirectly bet or instruct any other person to bet on the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of R&A Amateur Championships and International Team Matches (or any part thereof). A Bet shall include any form of wager, bet, or financial speculation (including spread betting or so-called "novelty bets").
- 2. No Competitor or Caddie may directly or indirectly use or provide to any other person Inside Information relating to any aspect of R&A Amateur Championships and International Team Matches (or any part thereof). Inside Information is information about the likely participation or likely performance of a Competitor which is within their knowledge by virtue of their participation in R&A Amateur Championships and International Team Matches, which is not publicly available and is information which is, or could reasonably be, anticipated to be used for betting purposes.
- 3. No Competitor or Caddie may manipulate or influence the outcome or attempt to influence the outcome of any aspect of R&A Amateur Championships or International Team Matches.

- 4. A Competitor or Caddie who suspects any activity that could amount to a contravention of this Policy, including approaches by a third party, must report (as soon as possible) full details to Mr. Euan Mordaunt, Director Amateur Championships, either by email to integrity@randa.org or in person.
- 5. Each Competitor shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that their Caddie is aware of and understands the Policy and complies with it. A Competitor shall be responsible for any actions of their Caddie which contravenes the Policy. Therefore, any breach of the Policy by a Caddie shall be considered as a breach of the Policy by the Competitor they caddie for.
- 6. It shall be a breach of this Policy for any Competitor or Caddie to solicit, offer, induce, entice, instruct, persuade, encourage, pay for and/or facilitate a breach of this Policy by another Competitor or Caddie.
- 7. Each Competitor or Caddie shall provide on request of The R&A full access to and copies of any documents or information (including any stored on electronic/communication devices) that is relevant to any activity carried out by the Competitor or Caddie in a breach of the Policy (including alleged breaches). Competitor or Caddie shall co-operate in full with any investigation and/or any action that is carried out in relation to an alleged breach of the Policy. Any information (including personal data) obtained by The R&A pursuant to such a request shall be kept private and confidential and used only for the purposes of enforcement of the Policy provided that The R&A reserves the right to disclose any such information to the Police and other regulatory bodies (including the GBGC) and third party professional advisers of The R&A.
- 8. The duty on a Competitor or Caddie to co-operate fully with any investigation includes not obstructing or delaying any investigation as well as, without limitation, concealing, tampering with or destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant.
- 9. If it is determined that a breach of the Policy has taken place, The R&A reserves the right to disqualify the relevant Competitor or Caddie and/or reject an entry into R&A Amateur Championships and/or International Team Matches (or any other R&A championship) from that Competitor or Caddie in that, or any subsequent year.
- 10. A breach of this Policy may also be a criminal offence and this policy is intended to supplement such laws and regulations.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support for this policy and the related guidelines.

## **MARTIN SLUMBERS**

Chief Executive, The R&A April 2022