

# R&A

# THE AFRICA AMATEUR

## CHAMPIONSHIP

LEOPARD CREEK, SOUTH AFRICA  
21 – 24 February 2024

Closing date for entries Wednesday 13 December 2023

### TERMS OF COMPETITION

#### 1. ENTRIES

- a) By submitting an entry for the Africa 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 that he has read and complies with these Terms of Competition.
- b) The Championship shall be open to players of the male gender from countries in Africa with a National Golf Association or Federation affiliated to The R&A who:
  - (i) are members of a golf club affiliated to a National Golf Association or Federation, authorised to adopt manage and maintain the World Handicap System™ (WHS™) within their jurisdiction;
  - (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 are also either (a) ranked within WAGR® listing (see [wagr.com](http://wagr.com)) at date of entry, or (b) hold a Handicap Index® of not more than 5.4 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 5.4 at date of entry will be accepted; and
  - (iii) are eligible to represent their national team.
- 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 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.
- e) One entry per player must be submitted electronically via [randa.org](http://randa.org) and must be received by close of entries i.e., 23:59 hrs BST on Wednesday 13 December 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. If an entrant withdraws before or after close of entries, their withdrawal is final and re-entry will not be permitted.
- f) It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that their Handicap Index® or equivalent exact handicap is up to date. The Handicap Index® or equivalent exact handicap at date of entry will be used should a ballot be required.
- g) Acceptance of an online entry or being ranked within WAGR® at date of 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](http://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 72 competitors. Any player named in one of the following categories will be allocated a place in the starting field of the Championship subject to their online entry being completed on or before close of entries and meeting the minimum requirements for entry as laid out in section 1(b):
- (i) the top two entrants listed in WAGR® on calculation of week 2023/46 from each country in Africa affiliated to The R&A;
    - If an eligible country has only one player listed in WAGR® on calculation of week 2023/46, the affiliated National Golf Association or Federation for that country (the "Affiliate") will receive only one place and will not be able to nominate any additional players.
    - If an eligible country does not have a player listed in WAGR® on calculation of week 2023/46, the relevant Affiliate may nominate their reigning National Amateur Champion, provided that:
      - where the National Amateur Champion is a non-national, the top-placed player in the competition won by the National Amateur Champion from that country will be nominated by the Affiliate to the Committee for approval; and
      - where a country has no National Amateur Champion, the Affiliate may nominate a player from their country to the Committee for approval. In such circumstances, to ensure the field for the Championship is the strongest possible, the Committee will require evidence from the Affiliate in support of its nomination.
  - (ii) the top 3 players in the individual competition of the 2023 All Africa Junior Golf Teams Championship; and
  - (iii) up to 3 players, at the sole discretion of the Committee, from The R&A's Africa High Performance Programme.
- b) The Committee reserves the right to invite any player who meets the criteria to participate, and the right to rescind any invitation at any time without giving reasons for its decision.
- c) After allocating places to players under sections 2(a) and 2(b), the remaining places in the starting field will be awarded to players with the highest position in WAGR® on calculation of 2023/46. The maximum number of players from any country, except the host country, will be 8. The maximum number of players from the host country will be 12. When utilising reserves, these maximum numbers may be extended at the sole discretion of the Committee.
- d) A player who fails to give The R&A notice of his withdrawal by close of registration or who is absent from the Championship without giving The R&A notice of his withdrawal will have his 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.
- e) Players must register with The R&A no later than Monday 19 February 2024. Any player failing to register will be disqualified.
- f) Entrants must be of the male gender and have been male at birth or have had the male sex assigned at birth. 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.
- g) 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 Committee.
- h) Any player who believes they are eligible to use the Modification for Players with Disabilities (Rule 25) should contact [amateurentries@randa.org](mailto:amateurentries@randa.org) at entry to confirm their eligibility to use the specific modifications in Rule 25.
- i) 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.
- j) 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.
- k) 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.
- l) A player is prohibited from having a caddie during a round.
- m) A copy of the Pace of Play Policy will be posted at the Championship venue and will be available on request.
- n) The Championship will be decided by stroke play over four rounds. One round of 18 holes on each of the first two days, for which one draw will be made. The 40 lowest scores over the 36 holes and ties for 40<sup>th</sup> place will qualify for the final two rounds. If a competitor who has posted a two-round total that will qualify for the final rounds, withdraws before or after the

final rounds draw is made, the competitor's results will still be used to calculate the leading 40 places and ties that will determine the cut mark. The pairings and starting times for round 3 shall be determined by the 36 hole total with the competitors with the lowest scores starting last, and the same principle will apply for the final round.

- o) In the event of a tie after four rounds, the winner of the Championship will be decided by a hole by hole play-off to take place immediately. In the event of a tie for second place, this will be decided on the lowest score for the last 18 holes (or the last 9 or 6 or 3 or 1 hole). If a tie still arises, the scores for the third round will be treated in the same way until a decision is reached.

### 3. PRIZES

The winner will become the Africa Amateur Champion and will be awarded the Championship Trophy and a gold medal. The runner-up will receive a silver medal and the competitor in third place and those tying for third place will each receive a memento.

### 4. GENERAL

- a) The R&A will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense suffered by a player 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 player as a result of a decision taken at any time by the Committee to amend, curtail or cancel the Championship.
- c) Players 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 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. This will include any competitors who may have travelled internationally and/or Federation Officials accompanying the player for the duration of their stay in South Africa, in order that all such medical care is provided.
- e) Players 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 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 Championship.
- h) All players 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 R&A seeks media coverage and publicity for the Africa 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 player 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 player made during or in connection with the Championship (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 Championship or any subsequent Championship or any other activities undertaken by The R&A. Players shall be responsible for ensuring that they hold all the necessary rights to grant the above assignments. 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 Championship to populate the relevant pages of the WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING® website at [wagr.com](http://wagr.com).
- j) All Championship information may be viewed at [randa.org](http://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 law of Scotland.

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