

TUESDAY 11 TO FRIDAY 14 JULY 2023

WOODHALL SPA – HOTCHKIN & BRACKEN COURSES
The Broadway, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, LN10 6PU

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

These notes are compiled to give you information about the Championships - please read them carefully. Should you have any additional queries please do not hesitate to contact The R&A's Amateur Championships Department who will be happy to assist.

1. OFFICIALS

The R&A

Member in Charge	Eithne Knight
Chief Referee	Stuart Graham (Hotchkin)
Chief Referee	Will Bailey (Bracken)
Championship Director	David Wilson
Championship Manager	Gillian Roy
Championship Administrator	Charlotte Prentice
Rules	Trish Wilson
Rules	Barbara O'Keeffe
Rules	Paul Coulthard
Rules	Ross Dunlop
Rules	Steve Collins
Rules	Rona Walker
Rules	Sam Barker-Sabido
Rules	Tracey Stobart
Starter	Mike Lay
Starter	James Burns
Recorder	Pamela Malton
Recorder	Stephen Mainwaring

Woodhall Spa

Men's Captain	Terry Murdoch
Ladies Captain	Yvonne Scarborough
General Manager	Richard Latham
Operations Manager	Lisa Brown
Professional	Adam Keogh

2. REGISTRATION & WELCOME DESK

A registration link will be sent to you week commencing Monday 3 July. You must act and respond to this link no later than 3pm on Monday 10 July, or alternatively you may register in person at the Welcome Desk during the following times:

Sunday 9 July	7.00am – 5.00pm
Monday 10 July	7.00am – 3.00pm

Failing to do so will result in you being withdrawn from the Championship.

Upon arrival to Woodhall Spa, players can collect gifts and obtain information from the Welcome Desk during the above times.

3. **ACCOMMODATION / TRAVEL / PARKING**

Local accommodation options are listed within the following websites;

<https://www.visitlincolnshire.com/places-to-stay/>

<https://lovelincolnshirewolds.com/plan/search?resorts=10>

The nearest airport is Humberside, which is approximately 30 miles from Woodhall Spa. Traffic permitting, this is approximately 50 minutes drive. London Stansted is approximately 115 miles from Woodhall Spa. Traffic permitting, this is approximately 2 hour 15 minute drive.

The nearest train station is Metheringham, 7 miles from Woodhall Spa.

Parking will be available at the club. Please note that vehicles will be parked at the owner's own risk.

4. **OFFICIAL PRACTICE DAYS**

The official practice days are:

Sunday 9 July	8.00am – 2.30pm
Monday 10 July	8.00am – 3.00pm

No play is permitted before or after these official start times.

Competitors will be notified of a unique practice time booking code and the booking process in a separate email. Please do not send requests for practice times or amendments by email. Please remember to check your junk email.

Practice Days are for competitors only. Players may only book one round on the Hotchkin Course or one round on the Bracken Course on any given day.

Times for female and male competitors wishing to practice together have been reserved on both courses as follows;

Sunday 9 July; 10.01 and 10.12am
Monday 10 July; 12.24 and 12.35pm

Competitors wishing to book one of these times are required to e-mail amateurentries@randa.org stating the date, course and time.

ONE BALL ONLY MAY BE PLAYED DURING THE PRACTICE ROUNDS WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION: If a player misses the green with his/her shot to the green, he/she may play one additional practice shot.

Competitors wishing to practice in addition to the days and hours noted above can do so at a cost of £90 on the Hotchkin and £60 on the Bracken. All additional practice times are at the sole discretion of the club, and must be booked with the booking office, booking@woodhallspagolf.com

5. **PRACTICE & PLAYER FACILITIES**

A controlled practice ground, with balls provided free of charge, will be operated throughout the Championship. The teeing area will be operated on a tee time priority basis. The R&A is indebted to Titleist for providing practice balls for the Championship.

PRACTICE BALLS MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE PRACTICE GROUND UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE. ANY PLAYER FOUND GUILTY OF THIS ACTION MAY BE LIABLE TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE.

The opening and closing times will be as follows;

Sunday 9 July	6.30am – 6.00pm
Monday 10 July	6.30am – 6.00pm
Tuesday 11 July	6.00am – 6.00pm
Wednesday 12 July	6.00am – 6.00pm
Thursday 13 July	6.30am – 6.00pm approx.
Friday 14 July	7.00am – 1.30pm approx.

Please note: In view of the approximate 5 minute walk from the clubhouse to the practice ground it is each player's responsibility to ensure enough time is allowed to be ready to play at his/her assigned tee-time.

Competitors using any of the practice facilities do so at their own risk.

There are Sports Science and Medical Services available at the National Golf Centre, which is located at the Championship Practice Ground. A full list of these services, including costs and booking information, can be viewed on the Player Portal.

6. DRAW

The draw for the first two rounds of the Championships will be available on the Player Portal and The R&A's website, RandA.org week commencing Monday 3 July. Please note that it is the responsibility of the competitor to ascertain their tee time.

Draws for subsequent rounds will be made as soon as it is practicable, and will be published in the same manner detailed above.

7. SCORECARDS

Your scorecard will be distributed by the Starter and you should arrive on the 1st tee approximately ten minutes before your starting time. The card **must** be returned to the relevant R&A Recording Office **immediately** after the completion of your round. The recording offices for both the Hotchkin and the Bracken courses will be sited adjacent to the clubhouse. Both recording areas will be clearly signposted.

8. CUTS

In the Women's Championship, the lowest 30 scores and ties returned over 36 holes will compete in the 3rd round. The lowest 20 scores and ties returned over 54 holes will compete in the 4th round.

In the Men's Championship, the lowest 50 scores and ties returned over 36 holes will compete in the 3rd round. The lowest 40 scores and ties returned over 54 holes will compete in the 4th round.

9. SCORE INPUT / LIVE SCORING

Competitors will be issued with a link to Golfbox which will allow individual players to input scores directly from personal mobile devices.

Online scoring services will be available throughout the Championship at www.RandA.org.

10. **PACE OF PLAY (Rule 5.6)**

It is the responsibility of each competitor to understand the Pace of Play policy. **Failure to comply with the Pace of Play policy may result in you being penalised.** With this in mind you are asked to read carefully the Pace of Play policy which follows at the end of the Competitors Information.

It is the responsibility of each group to play within the published maximum times allowed (as defined on the noticeboards and on the hole position charts) and keep up with the group in front. In an effort to eradicate slow play, players may also be subject to random timing even when not out of position.

Players are also strongly encouraged to play 'Ready Golf' during the Championship.

Should you have any questions regarding the Pace of Play policy then please visit the Championship Office where R&A Officials will be happy to assist your query.

11. **CLUB LENGTH**

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.

If you have any queries, please contact the Championship Office.

12. **DRIVING CLUB CONDITION & GROOVES & PUNCH MARKS**

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](#).

If you have any queries, please contact the Championship Office.

13. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (RULE 4.3)**

A competitor may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only – see [Rule 4.3a](#) in the Rules of Golf.

For additional guidance on permissible and non-permissible Distance Measuring Devices, see [here](#)

If you have any queries, please contact the Championship Office.

14. **LOGO AND MARKS POLICY**

Please download [here](#) the following information regarding the Logo and Marks Policy. Competitors are asked to read this policy in advance of the Championship.

15. **YARDAGE BOOKS / CADDIES / TROLLEY HIRE**

Complimentary yardage books for both the Hotchkin and Bracken courses will be issued to you at the Welcome Desk on the official practice days. Complimentary pull trolleys will be available courtesy of The R&A. There is also a limited number of electric trolleys available from the Professional's Shop at a cost to the competitor. To book an electric trolley, please contact the Professional Shop on +44 (0) 1526 351831

There are no caddies retained by the club.

16. COMPETITORS' LOCKER ROOMS

The Club's Men's and Women's locker rooms will be available for competitors' use during the Championships. Competitors are advised that any items left in the locker rooms are left at their own risk.

17. CLUBHOUSE & CATERING

The clubhouse will open from 6.00am each day. Player catering will be based primarily in the Conference Room Suite, along with outdoor dining available.

Breakfast catering, as well as teas and coffees, will be available from 6.00am to 11.00am. Lunch will be available from 11.00am from the Championship menu, which will include takeaway options. This menu will be available until approximately 30 minutes after the final group has left the golf course each day.

All catering will be at the cost to competitors.

18. DRESS CODE

Competitors are reminded that a good standard of dress should be worn at all times. Shorts are permitted on the course and in the Clubhouse. Headwear must not be worn in the Clubhouse.

The wearing of clean soft spikes within the Clubhouse is permitted. However, competitors are reminded that waterproofs and wet clothing is not permitted upstairs.

19. MOBILE PHONES

With the exception of on-course score entry, mobile phones are prohibited on the courses whilst competing (this includes SMS).

Off course, mobile phones are permitted but must be used respectfully and on silent at all times. Voice calls should be made outwith public areas.

20. SPECTATOR CODE

Spectators must abide by The R&A's spectator code which will be posted on the official notice board. Spectators are prohibited from entering the competitors' locker room.

21. INSURANCE

Competitors are advised to have a personal public liability insurance policy in place to protect them from claims for damage to third party property or injury to third parties whilst participating in this Championship.

22. WELCOME RECEPTION

All players are invited by The R&A to a Welcome Reception in the Conference Room Suite on Sunday 9 July. The Reception will commence at 7.00pm and will conclude at around 8.30pm. This will be a BBQ style menu with drinks available. It is hoped as many competitors as possible will attend.

The dress code for this event is smart casual.

23. PRESENTATION

The prize presentation will take place immediately after play (approximately 5.00pm) on Friday 14 July. Competitors are reminded the following prizes will be presented.

The Women's winner will become the R&A Women's Senior Amateur Champion and will be awarded the Clark 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 bronze medal. The winner of the 60 and over competition will receive a memento.

The Men's winner will become the R&A Senior 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 bronze medal. The winner of the 65 and over competition will receive a memento.

24. EXEMPTIONS

The Women's Champion and runner-up will receive full exemption to the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship 2023, providing she is still an amateur at the time and throughout the Championship.

The Men's Champion will receive full exemption to The Senior Open 2023 and the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship 2023. The runner-up will receive full exemption to the U.S Senior Amateur Championship 2023. These exemptions only apply providing he is still an amateur at the time and throughout the respective Championship.

25. WITHDRAWALS

Prior to 12 noon on Saturday 8 July, players seeking to withdraw from either Championship should advise Angus McBride of The R&A Amateur Championships Department by email to amateurentries@randa.org

From 12 noon on Saturday 8 July, players seeking to withdraw from either Championship should advise David Wilson, Championship Director, either onsite in person or by email to davidwilson@randa.org

26. CONTACT INFORMATION

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The R&A

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www.RandA.org

The R&A Championship Office

Tel: +44 (0)7458 034199
(Championship week only)

27. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Sunday 9 July	Official Practice Day	7.30am – 2.30pm
	R&A Welcome Reception	7.00pm – 8.30pm
Monday 10 July	Official Practice Day	7.30am – 3.00pm
	Online Registration CLOSES	3.00pm
Tuesday 11 July	Round 1 Men – 168 players, 3 balls Women – 72 players, 3 balls	7.30am – 2.54pm
Wednesday 12 July	Round 2 Men – 168 players, 3 balls Women – 72 players, 3 balls	7.30am – 2.54pm
Thursday 13 July	Round 3 Men – 50 players + ties Women – 30 players + ties	Tee-times subject to number of qualifiers. .
Friday 14 July	Round 4 Men – 40 players + ties Women – 20 players + ties	Tee-times subject to number of qualifiers.
	Prize Presentation	5.00pm approx.
	Champions' Champagne Reception Immediately following Prize Presentation	