

R&A STUDENT TOUR SERIES

PLAYER HANDBOOK

Ireland

6 - 8 October 2026
Killeen Castle Golf Club, Ireland



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Taking place on prestigious world class golf courses, the aim of The R&A Student Tour Series is to provide elite amateur championships to enhance high performance competition amongst the leading student golfers outside of the USA and Mexico.

Players can earn Tour Series Order of Merit points by playing in qualifying events which take place in Ireland, Gran Canaria, Portugal and Spain. The top 42 players (30 men and 12 women) from the Order of Merit after Spain qualify for The R&A Student Tour Series Final in April 2027 over the Jubilee and Old Course in St Andrews.



ENTRY CRITERIA.

The Series shall be open to male and female players who have reached the age of 16 on 01 January 2026, but are no older than age 28 on 31 December 2027 provided that the entrant is a fully registered student and the holder of a student card for the university or educational institution with which they are internally registered. The following individuals shall be eligible to compete:

- i. A student who has been accepted and is due to enrol in the forthcoming academic semester, and commencing study not later than 31 October in the year of the Series;
- ii. A student satisfactorily finishing their course of study after 1 December 2026 will be eligible until the end of the academic year provided their institution still classifies them as a registered student. Satisfactorily finishing a course of study is not when a student graduates, but is deemed to be when their teaching, research and/or examinations are completed. Suspension of studies is not classed as satisfactorily finishing a course of study. Any student who has their studies suspended must wait until their studies recommence to compete again; and
- iii. A student embarking on a Sandwich Course and/or Study Abroad Course (e.g. Erasmus) is eligible during this time provided that: (a) the duration of the placement/course in industry and/or study abroad is 1 year or less; (b) if the duration is more than 1 year, then the student will be deemed ineligible after the passing of the 12-month mark.
- iv. A student who is either: (a) ranked within WAGR® listing 1 – 4000 (see wagr.com) at date of entry, or (b) hold a Handicap Index® of not more than +0.0 for men and 2.0 for women 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.

Entrants holding both a WHS Handicap Index and a handicap issued by a recognised Handicap Authority, must enter Series events using their WHS Handicap Index. The penalty for failure to enter a Series event in compliance with this section is disqualification.

HOST VENUE.



2026 HOST VENUE KILLEEN CASTLE GOLF CLUB

Designed by golfing Legend Jack Nicklaus, Killeen Castle is one of only two Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Courses in Ireland.

The course is a magnificent test of golf, showcasing modern golfing excellence in terms of design and presentation. Jack Nicklaus, described the course as "one of my proudest designs".

The course has hosted the 2011 Solheim Cup and the Ladies Irish Open 2010-2012. It has been voted the Best Parkland Course in the greater Dublin area numerous times. The course offers the ultimate championship golfing experience that every golfer dreams of. Killeen Castle will be the host venue for the 2025, 2026 & 2027 Irish Challenge.

PRIZES.



The prize presentation will take place immediately after play venue to be confirmed.. The following prizes will be presented:

- 1st place - Memento
- 2nd place - Memento
- 3rd Place - Memento

All competitors in receipt of a prize should attend the prize giving and all other players are politely requested to attend.

Players finishing in the top 20 places (Male) and top 10 places (Female) will receive points towards the R&A Student Tour Series Order of Merit 2026/2027. Point values are listed in the R&A Student Tour Series Terms of Competition.

PLAYER SERVICES.

Water

Water will be available on the first tee and from water fountains situated after greens 6,9,14.

Clubhouse and Players' Lounge

Players will have access to a player's lounge.

Pull Trolleys

Complimentary pull trolleys will be available for players courtesy of the Championship. Please indicate in the entry process whether you would like a pull trolley.

Practice Range

Opening Hours – 7.30 am – 7.00 pm

Players will have access to unlimited free of charge range balls for the duration of the championship (including practice day)

Practice Round

The official practice day is Monday 5 October, tee times from 11.00 am, Players who wish to practice prior to 11.00 am should contact the club and this would be subject to availability.

Should you wish to practice outside of the official practice day, please contact the club to confirm availability and cost. To book your complimentary practice round please email golf@killeencastle.com or call +353 1 6893000

Shuttle Bus

There will be no shuttle bus provided from the hotels to the golf course.

Airport Transfers

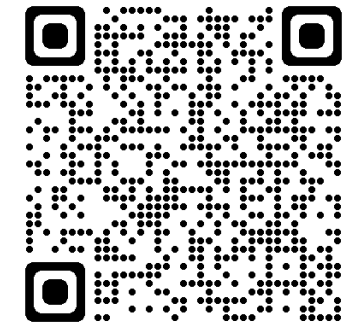
Airport transfers are available subject to availability. Please book your airport transfer [HERE](#)

Payment by credit/debit card at time of booking. All booking to be made by 18 October at 11.59pm



Player Handbook

All information, including pin positions and course length can be found [HERE](#).



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

DAY	EVENT	TIME
Monday 5 October	Practice Day	11.00am onwards
Tuesday 6 October	Round 1 (3 balls)	8.00 am – 12.24 pm
Wednesday 7 October	Round 2 (3 balls)	8.00 am – 12.24 pm
Thursday 8 October	Round 3 (3 balls) (in score order – leaders teeing off last)	8.00am – 12.24 pm
	Prize Presentation	6.30pm

OFFICIAL HOTEL AND ACCOMMODATION.

Player accommodation is available at Killeen Castle Golf Club, Players and Universities will receive a preferred rate of €200, bed and breakfast, per room per night; this rate is available from 4 – 11 October. Any bookings without these dates are subject to availability.

A duration of a 3-night minimum stay is required during the above dates, with availability to stay 7-nights during the above dates

Rooms occupancy: Super King bed and a single bed.

Cancellation policy: 72hrs from first night of stay for full refund.

Secure your room via the direct booking link.

<https://secure.killeencastle.com/convert/site/Killeen%20Castle/en/rate/117468712.html?partya=0&noerr=>

- A valid credit or debit card is required at the time of booking.
- A 20% deposit charged upon booking and the remaining balance payable at check-in.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND TRAVEL.

We hope the following information and arrangements assist you when planning your trip.



Airport Transfers

Airport Transfers will be available to/from Dublin Airports at a cost of £45 per person per journey. Should you require a transfer please complete this online form [HERE](#) (please note payment by credit/debit card at point of booking is required).



Airports

International and domestic flights operate to Dublin airport within easy reach of Killeen Castle Golf Club including:

Dublin Airport (37km)
<https://www.dublinairport.com/>



Taxi

UBER – Download UBER App

Paddy Markham - 087 4031188 – Local Dunshaughlin

Local Taxis are available at competitor's own cost.

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