

TERMS OF COMPETITION

The R&A Coronation Foursomes Stableford competition (the "Competition") is open to female golfers who (i) are members of golf clubs affiliated to England Golf, Scottish Golf, Wales Golf or Golf Ireland and (ii) hold a **female** WHS Handicap Index® of 40.0 or under on the day of the qualifying round.

A golf club which does not permit a member (including a junior member) who holds a current **female** WHS Handicap Index® of 40.0 or under to compete in the qualifying round shall not be entitled to put forward a winning pair to compete in the Area Final. Clubs must apply this handicap limit to the qualifying round.

A. TERMS APPLICABLE TO ALL STAGES

The following terms shall apply at all stages of the Competition:

1. The Competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.
2. Caddies are permitted. The player and their caddie are responsible for knowing and adhering to the Rules. Any breach of a Rule by a player or their caddie will result in the player receiving the applicable penalty.
3. Players must walk at all times during a round unless permitted to ride on a mode of transportation by the Committee or The R&A. Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.
4. Each player is responsible for playing without undue delay and keeping up with pace of play.
5. The use of distance measuring devices is permitted at all stages of the Competition and these Terms of Competition override any local rule which has been issued by a club. (Note to Rule 4.3).

B. TERMS APPLICABLE TO THE QUALIFYING ROUND

1. The qualifying round shall consist of 18 holes of foursomes Stableford to be held during the period 1 December 2025 – 25 June 2026 on such date as may be decided by the Committee.
2. Eligible players who are members of more than one club may compete in the qualifying round at each club where they are a member but may only compete in one Area Final.
3. The Committee is responsible for the running of the qualifying round at their club.
4. Entry Fee - £6.00 (or Euro equivalent) per pair. Minimum entry fee if less than 4 pairs - £24.00 (or Euro equivalent).
5. Handicap allowance – 50% of teams combined Course Handicaps. All half strokes to be rounded up.
6. In the event of a tie, the winning pair shall be decided by card count-back using the scores for the last 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 1). If a tie still arises, the last 6 holes of the first 9 holes (or 3 or 1) will be used. If no decision is reached, the winner shall be decided by ballot.
7. The winners from each qualifying round shall be eligible to compete in any of the Area Finals. If the winning pair is unable to attend an Area Final the next available pair may be take their place. Once a pair has been entered to compete in an Area Final, substitutions will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and limited to 2nd and 3rd placed pairs from a clubs' qualifying round. Prior permission must be sought and obtained from The R&A.
8. The Secretary or appointed representative of an affiliated club must enter details of their club's qualifying round, winner information and make the relevant payment of entry fees for the Area Final on-line at www.randa.org
9. Submission of an entry does not guarantee participation in an Area Final. You will be notified of your entry status after the closing date.
10. In all cases, the decision of the Committee is final.

C. TERMS APPLICABLE TO THE AREA FINALS

1. Each Area Final shall consist of 18 holes of foursomes Stableford.
2. The best 100 scores will qualify for the Area Final, which is held at 16 venues around Great Britain and Ireland and will consist of 18 holes of foursomes Stableford. If there are more than 100 teams for any Area Final then the best 100 scores based on all club qualifying rounds will gain a spot in an Area Final of their choice, calculated as follows: 36 points minus team Stableford points scored. Thereafter you will be offered an alternative Area Final venue. This is restricted to one pair per club. The Manager will maintain a reserve list in order of scores returned.
3. In the event of a pair withdrawing from an Area Final, the next available pair on the waiting list will qualify.
4. Handicap stroke allowance – 50% of combined team Course Handicaps (all half strokes to be rounded up).
5. All competitors must register in person, **with proof of their WHS Handicap Index®**, not less than 15 minutes before their starting time.

6. The organising committee reserves the right to amend starting times and groups and to appoint a marker if necessary.
7. In the event of a tie, the winning pair shall be decided by card countback on the number of team Stableford points scored for the last 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 1). If a tie still arises, the last 6 holes of the first 9 holes (or 3 or 1) will be used. If no decision is reached, a card play-off from the 1st hole will apply, failing which, the winner will be decided by ballot.
8. In the event of adverse weather conditions curtailing play, the organising committee, whose decision shall be final, shall decide upon the most equitable method and where practical alter the format of the competition in order to achieve a result. Failing which, the winner will be decided by ballot.
9. Winners of the national Area Finals shall be eligible to play in the Grand Final.
10. The Manager of each Area Final shall send a copy of the results to The R&A Office.
11. In all cases, the decision of the Manager/R&A representative is final.

D. TERMS APPLICABLE TO THE GRAND FINAL

1. The Grand Final shall consist of 18 holes of foursomes Stableford.
2. In the event of a withdrawal from the Grand Final, the next available pair from the withdrawing pairs' Area Final will qualify.
3. Handicap allowance – 50% of combined team Course Handicaps (all half strokes to be rounded up).
4. All competitors must register in person, **with proof of their WHS Handicap Index ®**, not less than 15 minutes before their starting time.
5. The organising committee reserves the right to amend starting times and groups and to appoint a marker if necessary.
6. In the event of a tie, the winner shall be decided by card countback on the scores for the last 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 1). If a tie still arises the last 6 holes of the first 9 holes (or 3 or 1) will be used. If no decision is reached, a card play-off from the 1st hole will apply, failing which, the winner will be decided by ballot.
7. In the event of adverse weather conditions, the organising committee reserves the right to alter the format of the competition in order to achieve a result. Failing which, the winner will be decided by ballot.
8. Trophies will be awarded to the winning pair and shall be held for one year.
9. In all cases, the decision of The R&A is final.

E. GENERAL TERMS

1. The R&A will not be liable to pay any money to you by way of compensation for any loss, damage, cost or expense suffered by you, which was not reasonably foreseeable when your entry was confirmed after the closing date, and/or was not caused by The R&A.
2. The R&A reserves the right to amend these Terms of Competition at any time and/or to cancel the Competition before or during play. The decision of The R&A is final in all matters.
3. The R&A will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense suffered by a competitor as a result of a decision taken at any time to amend, curtail or cancel the Competition.
4. By agreeing to these Terms of Competition, you acknowledge that The R&A will collect and use personal data about you to process your entry and to contact you if we need to. For information about how The R&A uses personal data, please refer to the Participant Privacy Policy at www.randa.org.
5. These Terms of Competition will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Scotland.

Submit entries on-line at www.randa.org

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 25 June 2026