

R&A STUDENT TOUR SERIES

PLAYER HANDBOOK

Ireland

7 - 9 October 2025
Malone 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 Sweden, Ireland, Portugal and Spain. The top 42 players (30 men and 12 women) from the Order of Merit after Portugal qualify for The R&A Student Tour Series Final in April 2026 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 2025, but are no older than age 28 on 31 December 2026 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 2025 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.



2025 HOST VENUE MALONE GOLF CLUB

Malone Golf Club is widely considered as one of the best parkland courses in Ireland, with 27 holes of golf situated around a magnificent 20 acre lake.

Malone is a course that is well-known to European pros, having hosted a number of tour events over the years. In the 1990s Malone hosted the Irish Senior Masters, a regular event on the European Senior Tour.

PRIZES.



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

1st place - Salver

2nd place - Slaver

3rd Place - Salver

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 2025/2026. Point values are listed in the R&A Student Tour Series Terms of Competition.

PLAYER SERVICES.

Water

Filtered/chilled water is available in the golfers' lobby across from the pro shop. Please bring a reusable water bottle.

Clubhouse and Players' Lounge

Players will have use of the Clubhouse restaurant to dine and relax in.

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

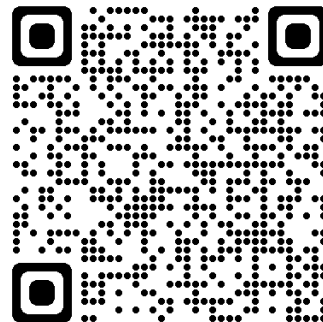
Players will have access to unlimited free of charge range balls for the duration of the championship (including practice day)

Practice Round

The official practice day is Monday 6 October, tee times from 10.15 am – 3.30 pm. Should you wish to practise outside of the official practice day, please contact the club to confirm availability and cost. To book your complimentary practice round please email Malone Golf Club at manager@malonegolfclub.co.uk

Player Portal

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



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

DAY	EVENT	TIME
Monday 6 October	Practice Day	10.15 am – 3.30 pm
Tuesday 7 October	Round 1 (3 balls) Women first	8.30 am – 1.42 pm
Wednesday 8 October	Round 2 (3 balls) Men First	8.30 am – 1.42 pm
Thursday 9 October	Round 3 (3 balls) (in score order – leaders teeing off last)	8.00am – 1.12 pm
	Prize Presentation	6.30pm

OFFICIAL HOTEL AND ACCOMMODATION.

Player accommodation is available at The Crowne Plaza Hotel,, 117 Milltown Road, Shaws Bridge, Belfast, BT8 7XP. T: 028 9092 3500 <https://cpbelfast.com/>

Players and Universities will receive a 15% discount on the Best Flexible Rates at the time of booking, rates available from 19th September.

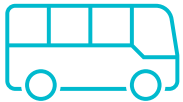
Individual reservations are subject to a 14-day cancellation. 5+ booking deadlines are longer please discuss at time of booking.

To book please call the hotel on 02890923500 opt 1 or 02890891897 and 028 9089 1896 or email reservations@cpbelfast.com and quote the reference 'Malone Golf 6th – 9th October. Open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm GMT (closed Bank Holidays).

All guests have full access to our swimming pool (requires advance booking) and gym. To book a slot for the pool please book with the health club team directly by calling 02890923500 opt 4.

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 Belfast city and Belfast International Airports at a cost of £30 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).



Taxi

Value Cabs - 028 9080 9080
fonaCAB - 028 90 333 333

Local Taxis are available at competitor's own cost.



Airports

International and domestic flights operate to several airports withing easy reach of Malone Golf Club including:

Belfast City Airport (28km)

<https://www.belfastcityairport.com/>

Belfast International City Airport (19km)

<https://www.belfastairport.com/>

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