

R&A
STUDENT
TOUR SERIES

PLAYER
HANDBOOK

Ireland

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Belvoir Park Golf Club, Ireland



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THE SERIES.

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, Spain and Portugal. 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 2025 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 2024, but are no older than age 28 on 31 December 2025 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 2024 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 – 3000 (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 1(b) is disqualification.

HOST VENUE.



2024 HOST VENUE BELVOIR PARK GOLF CLUB

Founded in 1927, and almost 100 years old, this Championship parkland course, which meanders through 163 acres of mature woodland, was designed by the famed course architect Harry S. Colt, who in 1929 laid out the plans for the famous Dunluce Links at Royal Portrush Golf Club, host of the 148th Open Championship in 2019. Belvoir Park Golf Club is situated just two miles from Belfast City Centre, and is within easy reach from both Belfast Airports, and easily accessible to the two famous Golf Clubs of Royal Portrush and Royal County Down. Belvoir Park Golf Club boasts a distinguished history having hosted The Irish Open, The Irish PGA, and The Irish Close.

PRIZES.



The prize presentation will take place immediately after play in the Players Lounge. The following prizes will be presented:

- 1st place - £150 Open Shop online voucher
- 2nd place - £100 Open Shop online voucher
- 3rd Place - £75 Open Shop online voucher

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 2024/2025. Point values are listed in the R&A Student Tour Series Terms of Competition.

PLAYER SERVICES.

Water

Water is available on the course at designated points. Please bring a reusable water bottle.

Clubhouse and Players' Lounge

Players will have use of the Clubhouse.

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 – 7am – 8pm

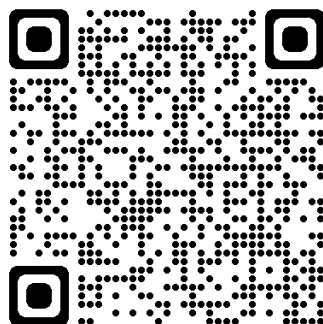
Players will have access to unlimited free of charge range balls for the duration of the championship (including practice day)

Practice Round

The official practice day is Monday 30 September. Tee times available between 11.30am – 2.30pm, 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 call Belvoir Park Golf Club +44 (0)28 90491693

Player Portal

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



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

DAY	EVENT	TIME
Monday 30 September	Practice Day	From 11.30am – 2.30pm – Must be booked in advance.
Tuesday 1 October	Round 1 (3 balls) Women first	8.30am – 1.16pm
Wednesday 2 October	Round 2 (3 balls) (in score order – leaders teeing off last) Men First	8.30am – 1.16pm
Thursday 3 October	Round 3 (3 balls) (in score order – leaders teeing off last) 2 tee start Prize Presentation	8.30am – 1.16pm

OFFICIAL HOTEL AND ACCOMMODATION.

Player accommodation is available at La Mon Hotel & Country Club, 41 Gransha Rd, Comber, Belfast, Newtownards BT23 5RF. <https://www.lamon.co.uk/>

To book please call the hotel on 028 9044 8631 or email reservations@lamon.co.uk and state you are with the Student Tour Series.

Dinner, bed and breakfast

£120.00 per room per night – twin room (2 people sharing)

£99.00 – per room per night - Single room

Dinner, bed and breakfast rate is inclusive of Bed & Breakfast and a 3 course evening meal.

Dinner is at set times either 5.30pm or 7.30pm and is a set menu (set starter and desert and choice of main course)

Bed and breakfast

£110.00 - per room per night twin room (2 people sharing)

£89.00 - per room per night - Single room

Bed and Breakfast rate is inclusive of Bed & Breakfast

AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND TRAVEL.

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



Airport Transfers

Airport Transfers will be available at a cost of £20 per person per journey for Belfast City transfers and £35 for Belfast International transfers. Should you require a transfer please complete this online form [HERE](#)



Taxi

Fonacab – +44 (0)28 90333333
Value Cabs – +44 (0)28 90809080

Local Taxis are available at competitor's own cost.



Airports

International and domestic flights operate to Belfast City and Belfast International airports including:

Belfast International Airport (20miles)
<https://www.belfastairport.com/>

Belfast City Airport (6 miles)
<https://www.belfastcityairport.com/>

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