

NOTICE TO PLAYERS ON RULES MATTERS

We expect all players to read the Local Rules and Terms of Competition on the R&A Hard Card (Effective January 2023), and the Additional Local Rules for the course.

The Additional Local Rules will be emailed to you before your first round and will be available to photograph on the first tee.

In addition, we would bring your attention to the following points:

1. Pace of Play

Please ensure you read the Pace of Play policy that is available in <u>The G4D Open Player Information</u> portal. A hard copy of this will also be available on the noticeboard.

It is important to note that any **bad times will be carried through to the end of the competition**. For example, if you get a bad time in Round 1 and you get a further bad time either later in Round 1 or during Rounds 2 or 3, you will get one penalty stroke.

If there is anything relating to pace of play that you do not understand, please ask for guidance at the R&A Tournament Office.

2. Ready Golf

You are strongly encouraged to play Ready Golf when it is safe to do so.

3. Provisional Balls

If there is any possibility that your ball may be lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds, you are strongly encouraged to play a provisional ball (which you must announce).

4. Access Ramps in Bunkers

The black matting and raised sand that make up the access ramps for getting in and out of bunkers are an Immovable Obstruction and are inside the bunker. If your ball lies in the bunker and you have interference from the ramp you may take free relief inside the bunker, no nearer the hole.

5. Referees on Course

Referees will be positioned all around the golf course and are there to help if needed. If you are in any doubt about a situation or you need a ruling, please call for a referee.

6. Player Conduct

Players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, shout "fore" if necessary, and demonstrate courtesy and sportsmanship at all times. Players should behave in an exemplary manner towards everyone involved in the Championship at all times. Any player breaching this code of conduct may be subject to disciplinary action by the Amateur Championships Committee as per Term of Competition 4f).

7. Distance Measuring Devices

Rule 4.3a **permits** the use of Distance Measuring Devices. They **must NOT** measure elevation changes. For full information please see <u>Rule 4.3a</u>.

8. Alternative Teeing Areas

Alternative teeing areas may be used at any hole throughout the Championship at the discretion of The R&A.

9. Pin Positions

Pin positions will be emailed to all players the evening before each round. A hard copy will also be posted on the noticeboard and 1st tee should you prefer to take a photograph.

