

R&A  
AFRICA  
AMATEUR WOMEN'S  
INVITATIONAL

LEOPARD CREEK, SOUTH AFRICA  
5 – 7 February 2025

**Closing date for entries Wednesday 11 December 2024**

T E R M S O F C O M P E T I T I O N

1. ENTRIES

- a) By submitting an entry for the Africa Amateur Women's Invitational (the "Event") you are entering into an agreement with R&A Championships Limited (Company number SC247047), having its registered office at Beach House, Golf Place, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9JA ("The R&A") and you agree to be bound by these Terms of Competition. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that she has read and complies with these Terms of Competition.
- b) Entry to the Event will be by invitation only for players of the female gender from countries in Africa with a National Golf Association or Federation affiliated to The R&A who:
  - (i) are members of a golf club affiliated to a National Golf Association or Federation, authorised to adopt manage and maintain the World Handicap System™ (WHS™) within their jurisdiction;
  - (ii) have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Rules of Amateur Status as published by R&A Rules Limited and the USGA, and who are also either (a) ranked within WAGR® listing (see [wagr.com](http://wagr.com)) at date of entry, or (b) hold a Handicap Index® of not more than 5.4 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, of not more than 5.4 at date of entry will be accepted; and
  - (iii) are eligible to represent their national team.
- c) The R&A reserves the right to refuse any entry, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry where, in its reasonable opinion, there is evidence to suggest that the player's Handicap Index® or equivalent exact handicap does not reflect their demonstrated ability. Please note that The R&A may contact your current or previous home club, Authorised Association or Federation to request your full handicap record.
- d) One entry per player must be submitted electronically via [randa.org](http://randa.org) and must be received by close of entries i.e., 23:59 hrs BST on Wednesday 11 December 2024. Entries by telephone will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that their online entry is completed successfully, and all contact details are accurate. If an entrant withdraws before or after close of entries, their withdrawal is final and re-entry will not be permitted.
- e) All entries are subject to the approval of the Committee, which reserves the right to disqualify any person making a false statement in their online entry and/or to accept or refuse or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reasons for its decision.
- f) All competitors must participate in the Event in its entirety. Failure to do so may result in future entries being rejected.
- g) All competitors are subject to the provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy. Details of the Policy, and the current List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation's website ([www.igfgolf.org](http://www.igfgolf.org)). Entrants who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from The R&A or the IGF knowing that, should a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) be required this must be submitted to the IGF not later than 30 days before the start of the Event.

## 2. FORMAT

- a) The starting field will comprise 21 competitors.
- b) The Committee reserves the right to invite any player to participate in the Event, and the right to rescind any invitation at any time without giving reasons for its decision. In considering which players to invite, the Committee will have regard to the position of eligible players on WAGR® on calculation of week 2024/43 (published on Wednesday 30 October), but the composition of the starting field will be determined at the sole discretion of the Committee.
- c) A player who fails to give The R&A notice of their withdrawal by close of registration or who is absent from the Event without giving The R&A notice of her withdrawal will have her entries to all R&A Championships rejected for the next calendar year. Exceptions may be made in the case of sickness and other special circumstances at the discretion of the Committee. If an entrant withdraws before or after close of entries, their withdrawal is final, and re-entry is not permitted.
- d) Players must register at the venue with The R&A no later than Tuesday 4 February 2025. Any player failing to register will be disqualified.
- e) Competitors must be of the female gender and have been female at birth or had the female sex assigned prior to puberty and meet the conditions of the R&A's transgender and non-binary policy, including pre-clearance as stated below. Any transgender women or women with differences in sexual development (46 XY DSD) who wish to enter the Event are subject to The R&A's transgender and non-binary competition policy and must apply for pre-clearance from The R&A to compete in the Event. Application for pre-clearance must be made in writing to [amateurentries@randa.org](mailto:amateurentries@randa.org) as early as possible and in no event not less than 6 weeks prior to the Event.

The R&A reserves the right to carry out a confidential case-by-case evaluation of whether any competitor's participation is likely to lead to unfair competition at any time either prior to, during or after the Event if it determines that such an evaluation is or becomes necessary. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor who does not meet the requirements for entry to the Event, who does not comply with the requirements set out in The R&A's transgender and non-binary competition policy or where it determines that the competitor's participation in the Event would lead to unfair competition.

- f) The Event will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules as approved by the Committee.
- g) Any player who believes they are eligible to use the Modification for Players with Disabilities (Rule 25) should contact [amateurentries@randa.org](mailto:amateurentries@randa.org) at entry to confirm their eligibility to use the specific modifications in Rule 25.
- h) Model Local Rule G-10 in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf is in effect. In making a stroke, the player must not use a club, except for a putter, which exceeds 46 inches in length.
- i) Model Local Rule G-12 is in effect. Under this MLR, a player must not use any written, printed, or electronic materials to help with reading the line of play for a stroke to be made from on the putting green. While any other use of a yardage book is allowed (such as a player making a note as to what club they used on an approach shot), to avoid any doubt a player should not look at their yardage book or any other material when the ball is on the putting green. If a player breaches this Local Rule, they get the general penalty for the first breach and disqualification for a second breach.
- j) The Model Local Rules in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads, Conforming Golf Balls and Groove and Punch Mark Specifications.
- k) Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. A player must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Committee. The R&A will only consider requests for use of motorised transportation where: (i) the player making the request has a qualifying disability and (ii) the need for transportation results from that disability. Any requests by a player to use any form of transportation must be made by close of entries. All requests must be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in The R&A's Transportation Policy, available on request from The R&A.
- l) A player is prohibited from having a caddie during a round.
- m) A copy of the Pace of Play Policy will be posted at the Event venue and will be available on request.
- n) The Event will be decided by stroke play over three rounds. One round of 18 holes shall be played on each day. The groups and starting times will be decided by the Committee.
- o) In the event of a tie after three rounds, the winner of the Event will be decided by a hole-by-hole play-off to take place immediately. All other ties will be decided by card count back using the 18 hole third round score (followed by last 9, 6, 3 or 1 of that round). If still a tie, the 18 hole second round score (followed by last 9, 6, 3 or 1 of that round) will be used. If a tie still arises, the 18 hole first round score (followed by last 9, 6, 3, or 1 of that round) will be used.

## 3. PRIZES

The winner will become the Africa Amateur Women's Invitational Champion and will be awarded a Trophy and a gold medal. The runner-up will receive a silver medal and the competitor in third place and those tying for third place will each receive a memento.

#### 4. GENERAL

- a) The R&A will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense suffered by a player which was not reasonably foreseeable when participation was confirmed after the closing date, and/or was not directly caused by The R&A.
- b) The R&A will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense suffered by a player as a result of a decision taken at any time by the Committee to amend, curtail or cancel the Event.
- c) Players are subject to all safety protocols applicable at the Event in relation to Health & Safety as issued and updated by The R&A and/or its safety advisers from time to time.
- d) All players are advised to have in place appropriate medical insurance and/or funding to cover routine medical and performance related healthcare such as musculoskeletal injuries, including outpatient investigation. This will include any competitors who may have travelled internationally and/or Federation Officials accompanying the player for the duration of their stay in South Africa, in order that all such medical care is provided.
- e) Players must comply with any instructions or further guidance issued by The R&A in relation to the Event.
- f) The R&A requires players and their team to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of the Event and the sport of golf. Players and their team shall at all times act in the best interests of the sport and the Event, and shall not conduct themselves in an unlawful or improper manner so as to bring the Event, The R&A, the sport of golf or its governing bodies into disrepute and shall not use any one of or a combination of, violent conduct, threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting words or behaviour. Players and their team shall comply with any Code of Conduct set by the Committee from time to time. For the purposes of this condition, a player's team includes any agents, coaches or other support team including family members present at the Event or in the environs of the Event venue or otherwise acting in relation to the Event. If a competitor acts contrary to the spirit of the game, the Committee will take appropriate action which may include reporting the facts to the competitor's Federation or National Golf Association. If the competitor is considered to have committed serious misconduct the competitor may be disqualified.
- g) All players are subject to the provisions of The R&A's Anti-Corruption and Betting Policy in force at the date of the Event.
- h) All players and/or caddies are subject to the provisions of The R&A's Logos and Marks Policy in force at the date of the Event.
- i) The R&A seeks media coverage and publicity for the Africa Amateur Women's Invitational around and during the Event in the press and by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting and filming and on the internet. Each player by entering the Event and hereby agreeing to these Terms of Competition assigns to The R&A and its assignees and licensees the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, edit, exhibit and reproduce in any way now known or hereafter devised for commercial and/or other purposes from time to time and at their discretion, motion pictures, still pictures, live taped or filmed television, sound recordings and any other reproductions of any description of the player made during or in connection with the Event (including, without limitation, during practice and play) without compensation for the player or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the player. The player also assigns to The R&A the right to use and reproduce the player's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised, without compensation for the player or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the player including in circumstances where it may include the logo of a third party or of a sponsor or patron of the Event or any subsequent Events or any other activities undertaken by The R&A. Players shall be responsible for ensuring that they hold all the necessary rights to grant the above assignments. Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of rights, The R&A and its assignees and licensees agree that, other than as permitted above, they will not authorise any company contractually associated with The R&A to use the player's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in a way which constitutes the endorsement of a product or service, without first requiring such associated company to obtain the player's authorisation. The R&A may also use any image of the player taken at the Event to populate the relevant pages of the WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING® website at [wagr.com](http://wagr.com).
- j) All Event information may be viewed at [randa.org](http://randa.org).
- k) The Committee's objective is to complete the Event as per the format outlined in these Terms of Competition. The Committee reserves the right to amend these Terms of Competition at any time before or during the Event and/or cancel the Event before or during play. The decision of the Committee is final in all matters.
- l) These Terms of Competition will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of Scotland.

MARTIN SLUMBERS *Chief Executive*