

GIRLS' BRITISH OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

1. QUALIFICATIONS

The Girls' British Open Amateur Championship shall be open to players of the female gender who are members of a recognised golf club, who have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Amateur Status Rules of the R&A Rules Limited, who hold a current CONGU Exact Handicap of not more than 4.4 or overseas equivalent, at date of entry and who are under 18 years of age at 0001 hours on 1st January in the year of the Championship.

2. REGULATIONS

- a) Entries shall be limited to 144. In the event of entries exceeding this number, the 144 players with the lowest Exact Handicaps will be accepted. Players may notify the LGU of any reduction in handicap before the closing date for entries. Any alterations must be notified in writing, by fax or by email. In the event of a tie, the 144th place shall be decided by ballot, which shall take place immediately after the closing date for entries. The handicap at the closing date will be used for the ballot and subsequent handicap changes will be disregarded. Those entrants balloted out will be placed on a waiting list. Unsuccessful entrants will have their entry fees refunded. The committee reserves the right to exempt a player from the ballot.
- b) Entries must be submitted either electronically via the LGU website or by post using the official entry form and must reach the Ladies' Golf Union, The Scores, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9AT, Scotland by 23:59hrs GMT on the date on which entries close. Late entries will not be accepted.
- c) The appropriate entry fee must accompany the completed entry form. Cheques should be made payable, in sterling, to LGU Championships Ltd. Entries by fax will be accepted when accompanied by valid credit card details. Entries by telephone will not be accepted. An up to date list of entrants can be found on the LGU website at www.lgu.org. No entry will be included in the draw unless complete in every detail. Entry fees will not be refunded unless notice of withdrawal, in writing, is received before the closing date for entries. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that her entry has been received.
- d) Submission of an entry does not guarantee participation in the Championship. You will be notified of your entry status after the closing date. The LGU 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 LGU.
- e) All players must compete in the Championship in its entirety. Failure to do so may result in future entries being refused. An exception may be granted on application, in writing to the Championship Committee, no less than 7 days before the commencement of the Championship.
- f) Any player who records a score of Par +20 or over in any single stroke play round of the Championship will be precluded from entering the Championship the following year. This Regulation shall be implemented at the Championship Committee's discretion having taken into consideration prevailing weather conditions.
- g) All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Committee appointed by the Executive Council of the Ladies' Golf Union which reserves the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason for its decision, which shall be final.
- h) Each competitor must produce a current CONGU Handicap Certificate, or overseas equivalent, at registration. Penalty for failure to produce verification of current handicap before completion of the first round – Disqualification
- i) Competitors holding both a CONGU and overseas authority handicap must enter the Championship using their CONGU handicap. The club maintaining the player's CONGU handicap must be used for all purposes. Penalty for failure to enter in compliance with this regulation – Disqualification.
- j) Competitors must register in person at the Championship Office of the Ladies' Golf Union on site, not later than 1400 hours on the day prior to commencement of the Championship.
Penalty for Breach - Disqualification. Telephone calls may be accepted in exceptional circumstances. Failure to notify withdrawal from the Championship may disqualify a player from future Championships.
- k) By agreeing to be bound by these regulations and conditions, you are consenting to the LGU collecting and storing certain personal data about you. This data will be used to provide further details of the event and may be stored by the Ladies' Golf Union and supplied to event sponsors to keep you informed of other promotions, events and services which may be of interest to you. This data will not be used other than in the normal course of our business. If you do not wish to receive such information, all you need to do is write to let us know.
- l) Team nominations must be submitted on the official entry form, signed by an official of the players' National Association and reach the Ladies' Golf Union no later than seven days after the Championship closing date. Should one or more of the nominated players be incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence, the nominated reserve or reserves may be substituted, in order of selection, up to the advertised time of starting of the affected player or players.
- m) The Committee reserves the right to use films, photographs, pictures and similar references to competitors in practice and play in the publicity arrangements prior to, during and after the Championship.

- n) The Committee reserves the right to arrange and/or alter starting times.
- o) The Committee reserves the right to alter the Regulations and Conditions of the competition.
- p) The decision of the Committee is final in all matters.

3. CONDITIONS

- a) Players must be of the female gender and have been female at birth or have had the female gender assigned. For the avoidance of doubt, the Ladies' Golf Union reserves the right to carry out a confidential case-by-case evaluation at any time either prior to or after the Championship if in its reasonable opinion such an evaluation is or becomes necessary. Any player in breach of this condition may be disqualified.
- b) The Championship shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.
- c) One round of 18 holes shall be played on each of the first two days, for which one draw shall be made. The players returning the 64 lowest scores over 36 holes shall qualify for the match play. Ties for the last place(s) and all other ties for the automatic draw shall be decided by card count back using the 18 hole second round score. If still a tie, scores for the second 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 1) of the second round will be used. If a tie still arises, the last 6 holes of the first 9 holes (or 3 or 1) of the second round will be used. If necessary, the first round will then be treated in the same way. If no decision is reached, the Committee shall make a final decision.
In the event of a tie for the lowest score for 36 holes in the qualifying competition, a card count back using the 18 hole second round score will be used. If still a tie, the last 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 1) will be used. If still a tie, the Trophy shall be held for an equal period of time and final places shall be shared.
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- d) Team Award - any country may nominate a team of two or three players, the two lowest scores in each qualifying round to count. Ties will be decided by card count back using the aggregate of the lowest 18 hole second round scores. If still a tie, the aggregate score for the second 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 1) of the second round will be used. If still a tie, the Trophy shall be held for an equal period of time by each of the teams which has tied and final place(s) shall be shared.
- e) The draw for the match play stage of the Championship shall be made according to the automatic draw and shall be posted as soon as possible after termination of play of the qualifying competition.
- f) Each match, including the final, shall consist of one round of 18 holes. The stipulated round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.
- g) Immediately after the match is finished, the winner must sign the official result card and give the result to an appointed official or return the card immediately to the LGU Championship Office.
Failure to comply with this condition renders the player liable to disqualification.
- h) A player is prohibited from having a caddie during the stipulated round. Penalty for Breach of Condition:
Match play- At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes.
Stroke Play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes.
Match or stroke play – In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.
A player having a caddie in breach of this condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that she conforms with this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise the player is disqualified.
- i) The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A. Penalty for Breach of Condition - Disqualification.
- j) The specimen condition published on page 137 of the Rules of Golf is in effect for Driving Clubs.
- k) Players must walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to ride by the Committee in accordance with the LGU Transportation Policy. A copy of the LGU Transportation Policy is available on the LGU website at www.lgu.org.
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Match or stroke play - Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.
- l) Each player is responsible for playing without undue delay. The pace of play condition will be available prior to play.
- m) Competitors must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a competitor show evidence of use of a drug for non-therapeutic purpose, the Committee may require the competitor to undergo a drug test. Any player infringing this Condition may be disqualified. Competitors who are on medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from the LGU via the Championship Office.

- n) If a player is found to have breached Etiquette, the Championship Committee will take appropriate action which may include reporting the facts to the player's federation/national organisation. If the breach is considered to be serious, the player may be disqualified.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH COMPETITOR TO ENSURE THAT SHE COMPLIES WITH ALL THE REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION.

4. TROPHIES AND VOUCHERS

The Challenge Cup - shall be awarded to the winner and held for one year. The winner shall be the Girls' British Open Amateur Champion and shall receive a voucher.

The Leven Trophy - shall be awarded to the runner-up and shall be held for one year. The winner shall receive a voucher.

The losing semi-finalists and the losing quarter finalists shall each receive a voucher.

The Lady Heathcoat-Amory Memorial Medal - shall be awarded to the player returning the lowest score for the 36 holes of the qualifying rounds and shall be held for one year. The winner shall receive a voucher.

The Todd Bowl - shall be awarded to the player under 16 years of age returning the lowest score for the 36 holes of the qualifying rounds and shall be held for one year.

Other Vouchers

The player under 14 years of age returning the lowest score for the 36 holes of the qualifying rounds shall receive a voucher.

The players returning the lowest score for the first 18 holes and for the second 18 holes of the qualifying competition shall each receive a voucher.

The Team Award Trophy - shall be awarded to the team with the lowest aggregate score for the qualifying rounds and shall be held for one year. Members of the winning team shall each receive a voucher.

Notes: In the event of an unresolved tie, voucher values will be shared equally.

A player who does not record an apology for her absence at the prize presentation shall not receive her voucher. The voucher shall be donated to the LGU's charity.

The Trophies may not leave Great Britain or Ireland.

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