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**THE 2011 BOYS AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
BURNHAM & BERROW AND ENMORE PARK
TUESDAY 9 – SUNDAY 14 AUGUST**

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Dear Sir

The following administrative notes and enclosed Draw are to advise Competitors and to help in the overall administration of the Championship.

1. FORMAT

As you will be aware, the format for this year's Championship will include 36 holes of stroke play qualifying, to be held at Burnham & Berrow and Enmore Park. There will be a field of 252 players. The leading 64 competitors and ties will qualify for the match play stages, to be played at Burnham & Berrow from Thursday 11 August. In essence, the format will mirror the Amateur Championship.

2. REGISTRATION

All competitors **must** register at the Registration desk, located in the Clubhouse at Burnham & Berrow, immediately upon arrival. Registration will be open from 9.00 am until 5.00 pm on Sunday 7 and Monday 8 August. When you register, you will be required to give the address of your place of residence during the Championship and/or a contact telephone number.

A competitor who does not register before 5.00pm on Monday 8 August may be withdrawn from the Championship. If you are unable to register in person, please contact The R&A Office directly (Telephone: 01275 774677).

3. FACILITIES

The Clubhouse facilities at both Clubs will be available to competitors, their relatives and friends.

Competitors may use the Locker Rooms at each venue. A secure bag store will operate at both courses, from the Drying Room within the Locker Room at Burnham & Berrow and from the Trolley Shed on the Practice Ground at Enmore Park.

The Clubhouses will open daily one hour before play, namely at 6.00am on Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 July, at 6.30am on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 August, at 7.00am on Saturday 13 August and 7.30am on Sunday 14 August. On Practice days, Sunday 7 and Monday 8 August, the Clubhouses will open at 6.00am.

4. CATERING

Catering will be available throughout the day with breakfast available in the Clubhouses for early starters on Practice and Championship days.

5. DRESS

Smart casual dress must be worn at all times by competitors and family members alike. Jeans, collarless shirts and shorts are not allowed on the Courses or in the Clubhouses. Caps may not be worn in the Clubhouses.

While golf shoes with soft spikes are permitted in the Clubhouses, there may be rooms within which they are prohibited and access may be restricted in poor weather conditions.

Mobile phones must not be used on the courses or in the Clubhouses but may be used in the car parks.

6. VALUABLES

Neither The R&A, Burnham & Berrow or Enmore Park can be held responsible for any loss of valuables or equipment during the Practice days or Championship. We would draw your attention to the secure bag stores referred to in 3. above, which can be used free of charge.

7. CAR PARKING

Parking will be available for competitors in the Clubhouse car parks at each venue.

8. PRACTICE

On the two official Practice days, Sunday 7 and Monday 8 August, the 1st tees will be open at 7.00am. On Sunday 7 the 1st tees will close at 4.30pm and on Monday 8 the 1st tees will close at 3.00pm.

Practice times should be reserved through the Secretary's Office at Burnham & Berrow (email: secretary.bbgc@btconnect.com and telephone: 01278 785760 Ext 1) and the Professional's Shop at Enmore Park (01278 671519). Each player may reserve only one practice time on each day. To avoid disappointment, please reserve practice times in advance.

Competitors should make note of the two points below and are requested to play in fourballs wherever possible.

- (a) ONE BALL ONLY MAY BE PLAYED DURING THE PRACTICE ROUNDS WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION:
If a player misses the green with his shot to the green, he may play one additional shot.
- (b) COMPETITORS MAY NOT PLAY FROM ANY ROPED OFF AREAS OR PROTECTED AREAS ON TEES.

Volunteer rangers from each Club will monitor practice on the course during these days and we would be grateful if you could adhere to any instructions which they may require to issue.

9. PRACTICE GROUND/PUTTING GREEN

At Burnham & Berrow, a practice ground facility is located adjacent to the Clubhouse. The Club will operate a range facility. This facility will be open during the following hours;

Sunday 7 August	6.30am – 4.30pm
Monday 8 August	6.30am – 4.30pm
Tuesday 9 August	6.00am – 6.00pm
Wednesday 10 August	6.00am – 6.00pm
Thursday 11 August	6.30am – 6.00pm
Friday 12 August	6.30am – 3.00pm
Saturday 13 August	7.00am – 9.00am, 12.00pm – 1.30pm
Sunday 14 August	7.30am – 8.30am, 12.00pm – 1.00pm

Given the limited size of this facility, access will be restricted to players within the one hour leading up to their tee time. As an example, a player with a 2.30pm tee time may only use the Practice Ground between 1.30pm and 2.30pm. Following the last tee time on each day, access will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

At Enmore Park, the practice ground is also located adjacent to the Clubhouse. Similar restricted access in the one hour prior to a player's tee time will apply. Opening times, from Sunday 7 to Wednesday 10 August inclusive, will be the same as those referred to above, though the facility will close at 2.30pm on Wednesday 10 August.

We trust you will treat these facilities with respect and obey the instructions of the Club officials supervising these practice grounds.

The putting greens are located adjacent to each Clubhouse.

10. CADDIES

No player may employ a caddie other than another player in the starting field of the Championship.

Trolleys will be available for hire from the Professional's Shops at a charge of £3.00 at Burnham & Berrow and £2.00 at Enmore Park.

11. RECORDING

During stroke play, it is each player's responsibility to ensure that his scorecard is handed to the Recorders as soon as possible after the completion of the round (Rule 6-6b). At both courses, the Recorders' cabins will be sited outside the Clubhouse.

During match play, it will be the responsibility of the winner of a match to report the result to the Recorder's Office as soon as possible after the match is completed. No further play is permitted after the conclusion of a match.

12. DRIVING CLUBS

Please note the following Condition of Competition will be in effect.

Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by The R&A.

PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION:
Disqualification

An updated List of Conforming Driver Heads is available on The R&A's website (www.randa.org). This list is also available in the Championship Office.

13. DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

Except during Practice rounds, the use of a device that measures distance is prohibited. The penalty for a breach is Disqualification.

14. SCRATCHINGS

Competitors who wish to withdraw from the Championship must inform us in writing as soon as possible. Failure to do so may affect entry into future R&A Championships.

This information should be sent to Jonathan Tippetts-Aylmer at The R&A until 4.30pm on Friday 5 August – Tel: +44 (0) 1334 460000 / Fax: +44 (0) 1334 460005 / E-mail: jta@randa.org and thereafter to The R&A Office at Burnham & Berrow - Tel: +44 (0) 1275 774677 or +44 (0) 7917 759032 / Email: robinbell@randa.org.

15. ANTI-DOPING

As you will know from the entry form, The R&A has adopted the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy for The Boys Amateur Championship 2011. Accordingly, all competitors are subject to the provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy and may be subject to drug testing conducted in accordance with that Policy. Details of the Policy, and the Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation's website (www.internationalgolfederation.org). Competitors who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from R&A Championships Limited not later than 30 days before the start of the Championships.

16. TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

Burnham & Berrow's postal address is St Christopher's Way, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2PE. Travel directions can be found on the Club's website, www.burnhamandberrowgolfclub.co.uk.

Enmore Park's postal address is Enmore, Bridgwater, TA5 2AN. The Club's website address is www.enmorepark.co.uk.

17. ACCOMMODATION

Information regarding accommodation may be found through the contacts below;

Visit Somerset
Somerset Tourism
Somerset County Council
County Hall
Taunton
Somerset
TA1 4DY

Web: www.visitsomerset.co.uk
Tel: 01278 787852

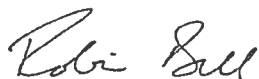
Local advice can also be found on Burnham & Berrow's website, www.burnhamandberrowgolfclub.co.uk.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information for Competitors will be posted on Championship noticeboards, located in the main entrance of Burnham & Berrow and at the entrance to the Locker Room at Enmore Park.

I hope you have a very successful and enjoyable Championship.

Yours faithfully



ROBIN BELL
Assistant Director – Championships

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