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**THE 2012 BOYS AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
NOTTS (HOLLINWELL) AND COXMOOR
TUESDAY 14 – SUNDAY 19 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 first stage of the Championship will be stroke play over two rounds of 18 holes, one to be played over Notts and one over Coxmoor. There will be a starting field of 252 players split equally between the two courses. The leading 64 competitors and ties will qualify for the match play stages, to be played at Notts from Thursday 16 August. In essence, the format will mirror The Amateur Championship.

2. REGISTRATION

All competitors **must** register at the Registration desk, located in the Terrace Room of the Clubhouse at Notts, immediately upon arrival. Registration will be open from 9.00am until 5.00pm on Sunday 12 and Monday 13 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A competitor who does not register before 5.00pm on Monday 13 August may be withdrawn from the Championship. If you are unable to register in person, please contact The R&A Office directly (Telephone: 01623 759130).

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 Trolley Shed, behind the Professional's Shop, at Notts and from the Store Room by the Professional's Shop at Coxmoor.

The Clubhouses will open daily one hour before play, namely at 6.00am on Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 August, at 6.30am on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 August, at 7.00am on Saturday 18 August and 7.30am on Sunday 19 August. On Practice days, Sunday 12 and Monday 13 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

A minimum standard of dry smart casual dress is expected within the Clubhouses and around the venues. Competitors must not wear tracksuits, denim clothing, t-shirts or training shoes / sneakers. Headwear, waterproofs and the use of mobile phones are confined to outside the Clubhouses.

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

Golf shoes with soft spikes are not permitted in any part of the Clubhouse at Coxmoor.

Note: During the Championship, Competitors may not wear shorts at any time.

6. VALUABLES

Neither The R&A, Notts or Coxmoor 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 car parks at each venue. At Notts, the Clubhouse car park will be restricted to Officials only, with alternative facilities available for competitors.

8. PRACTICE

On the two official Practice days, Sunday 12 and Monday 13 August, the 1st tees will be open at 7.00am. On Sunday 12 the 1st tees will close at 4.30pm and on Monday 13 the 1st tees will close at 3.00pm.

Practice times should be reserved through the Professional's Shop at Notts (telephone 01623 753087) and the Professional's Shop at Coxmoor (01623 559906). 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 Notts, a practice ground facility is located to the left of the 1st hole. The Club will operate a range facility. This facility will be open during the following hours;

Sunday 12 August	6.30am – 6.00pm
Monday 13 August	6.30am – 6.00pm
Tuesday 14 August	6.00am – 7.00pm
Wednesday 15 August	6.00am – 7.00pm
Thursday 16 August	6.30am – 7.00pm
Friday 17 August	6.30am – 6.00pm
Saturday 18 August	7.00am – 8.45am, 12.00pm – 1.15pm
Sunday 19 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.

Please note practice on holes 8A and 9A at Notts is prohibited at all times.

At Coxmoor, the practice facilities are limited. A facility for short game practice is located approximately 150 yards from the Clubhouse. An area to practice mid-irons is located approximately 300 yards from the Clubhouse. In addition there are a number of nets for long irons and woods. To ensure all players have the opportunity of using these facilities, periods of use may be restricted. Opening times, from Sunday 12 to Wednesday 15 August inclusive, will be the same as those referred to above, though the facility will close at 2.30pm on Wednesday 15 August.

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

The practice 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 £5 per day (a £10 refundable deposit for a handle will apply) at Notts Golf Club and £12 for the week at Coxmoor Golf Club.

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 Notts, the Recorders' office will be in the Terrace Room within the Clubhouse. At Coxmoor, the Recorders will be based in the Club's halfway hut, close to the 10th tee.

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. DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

Except during practice rounds, the use of a device that measures distance is prohibited.

Please be aware some trolleys have a Distance Measuring Device, temperature gauge and / or compass functionality built in to them. The use of any such functionality is in breach of Rule 14-3. To ensure the player does not breach Rule 14-3 such functionality must be switched off or the display screen covered up. See The R&A for clarification should there be any doubt.

At Registration, Competitors will be required to read the pace of play notice in operation for The Boys Amateur Championship.

13. WITHDRAWALS

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 10 August – Tel: +44 (0) 1334 460000 / Fax: +44 (0) 1334 460005 / E-mail: jta@randa.org and thereafter to The R&A Office at Notts - Tel: 01623 759130 Email: ewanmordaunt@randa.org.

14. 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 2012. 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 Championship.

15. TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

The postal address for Notts is Hollinwell, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 7QR. The Club's website address is: www.nottsgolfclub.co.uk

Coxmoor's postal address is Coxmoor Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 5LF. The Club's website address is www.coxmoorgolfclub.co.uk

16. ACCOMMODATION

Suggested accommodation options can be found via the web links below;

www.pinelodge-hotel.co.uk

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/nottingham/notsp/hoteldetail>

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information for Competitors will be posted on Championship noticeboards, located in the main entrance at Notts and at the entrance to the Locker Room at Coxmoor.

I hope you have a very successful and enjoyable Championship.

Yours faithfully



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