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**THE 2013 BOYS AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
ROYAL LIVERPOOL AND WALLASEY
TUESDAY 13 – SUNDAY 18 AUGUST**

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Dear Sir

I extend, on behalf of the Chairman and Members of the Championship Committee, a very sincere welcome to The Boys Amateur Championship.

The following administrative notes and attached 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 Royal Liverpool and one over Wallasey. 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 Royal Liverpool from Thursday 15 August. In essence, the format will mirror The Amateur Championship.

2. TRAVEL & CAR PARKING

The postal address for Royal Liverpool is Meols Drive, Hoylake, Wirral, CH47 4AL. The Club's website address is: www.royal-liverpool-golf.com

Wallasey's postal address is Bayswater Road, Wallasey, Wirral, CH45 8LA. The Club's website address is www.wallaseygolfclub.com

The nearest airports are Liverpool (30 minutes approx.) and Manchester (1 hour 15 minutes approx.).

Parking will be available for competitors in car parks at each venue on a first come first served basis. Overflow car parking areas will be available at each venue - car park attendants will direct you to these areas if required.

Please note that vehicles will be parked at the owner's own risk.

3. REGISTRATION

All competitors **must** register at the Registration desk, located upstairs in the Library of the Clubhouse at Royal Liverpool. Registration will be open from 8.00am until 5.00pm on Sunday 11 and Monday 12 August.

A Competitor who does not register by 5.00pm on Monday 12 August may be withdrawn from the Championship. If you are unable to register in person, please telephone +44 (0) 1334 213 400 or email euamordaunt@randa.org

At Registration, you will be asked to provide the address and telephone details of your accommodation during the Championship. You will be issued with a Registration pack including players badge, bag tag and complimentary yardage chart for Royal Liverpool and Wallasey. In addition you will be required to visit various work stations which include Pace of Play and WAGR (World Amateur Golf Ranking). With this in mind please allow sufficient time to complete the Registration process.

4. CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES

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

Both Clubhouses will be open one hour before play on each Championship and Official Practice Day and will remain open for a minimum of one hour after play has finished.

Competitors may use the Locker Rooms at each venue. A limited number of lockers are available within both Locker Rooms. Please note that these lockers will vary in size but none will accommodate a tour golf bag.

A secure bag store will operate at both courses. At Royal Liverpool the old Professional's Shop will be used for this purpose – to use this facility please collect the security code from the Professional's Shop. At Wallasey the trolley shed adjacent to the Professional's Shop will be used – to use this facility please place your request at the Professional's Shop.

All articles will be left at owner's risk. The R&A, Royal Liverpool and Wallasey cannot be held responsible for any loss of valuables or equipment during the Championship and practice days. You are strongly advised not to leave clubs unattended outside Club premises.

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 Royal Liverpool golf shoes are permitted anywhere except in the Clubhouse upstairs. At Wallasey golf shoes may only be worn in the spike bar.

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

6. CATERING

Catering for competitors and their guests will be available in both Clubhouses from one hour before the first tee-time on each Championship and Official Practice Day.

At Royal Liverpool hot food is available on Sunday 11 and Saturday 17 August until 5.00pm and from Monday 12 to Friday 16 August until 6.00pm with cold snacks available thereafter. At Wallasey, hot food is available daily until 7.00pm and cold snacks available after 7.00pm.

7. PRACTICE

On the two official Practice days, Sunday 11 and Monday 12 August, the 1st tees will be open at 7.00am. On Sunday 11 the 1st tees will close at 4.30pm and on Monday 12 the 1st tees will close at 2.30pm.

At Royal Liverpool practice times should be reserved by telephoning 0151 632 7772 or emailing bookings@royal-liverpool-golf.com. At Wallasey practice times should be reserved through the Professional's Shop by telephoning 0151 691 1024. Each player may reserve only one practice time on each day. To avoid disappointment, please reserve practice times in advance.

Competitor's wishing to practice outwith the above official practice times may do so at the discretion of the host venues. At Royal Liverpool, the agreed rate for a practice round out with the official practice times is £75 Monday – Friday i.e. additional practice rounds will not be available on a Saturday or Sunday. At Wallasey, the agreed rate for a practice round is £10 and competitors should contact the Professional Shop to arrange this.

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.

8. PRACTICE GROUND/PUTTING GREEN

At Royal Liverpool, a practice ground facility is located to the right of the 1st hole. To access the practice ground you are required to cross the 1st fairway – please do so with care. In the interests of Health & Safety hitting on this practice ground maybe reduced to irons only on some areas. However conditions of use will be advised by Range Attendants whose instructions must be obeyed at all times. In addition to the practice ground there is a short game facility for chipping and bunker practice to the left of the 18th hole. When using the short game facility please play from the designated hitting areas and please note that chipping is prohibited from within the white line that borders the practice greens.

At Wallasey, a practice ground facility is an approximate 5 minute drive from the Clubhouse. In the interests of Health & Safety hitting on this practice ground is restricted to irons only. Depending on wind direction further restrictions may apply but this will be advised by Range Attendants whose instructions must be obeyed at all times. A continuous shuttle bus service will operate between the

Clubhouse and practice ground throughout the day. Please allow enough time to travel to and from the practice ground in the buses provided.

The practice putting greens are located adjacent to each Clubhouse.

Both practice grounds will be operated as a range facility with practice balls free of charge.

The R&A are indebted to Titleist for providing practice balls for the Championship.

PRACTICE BALLS MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE PRACTICE GROUNDS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. ANY PLAYER FOUND GUILTY OF THIS ACTION WILL BE LIABLE TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE.

The opening and closing times will be as follows:

Sunday 11 & Monday 12 August	6.30am – 6.00pm (both venues)
Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 August	6.00am – 7.00pm (both venues)
Thursday 15 August	6.30am – 7.00pm
Friday 16 August	6.30am – 6.00pm
Saturday 17 August	7.00am – 8.45am, 12.00pm – 1.15pm
Sunday 18 August	7.30am – 8.30am, 12.00pm – 1.00pm

At peak times access to the practice grounds at both venues maybe 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.

In addition to the practice facilities noted above Moreton Hills Golf Centre is available for practice:

ADDRESS	OPENING HOURS
Tarran Way South Wirral CH46 4TP Tel: 0151 677 6606	Monday - Thursday, 8.30am – 9pm (last balls 8.30pm) Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 8.30am – 7pm (last balls 6.30pm)

Moreton Hills has kindly agreed to offer practice balls at a reduced rate of 50% on showing your player badge to a member of staff at the driving range.

We trust you will treat all of these practice facilities with respect and obey the instructions of the Attendants supervising these practice grounds. Competitors using any of these practice facilities do so at their own risk.

9. 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 on a first come first served basis at a charge of £5 per round at Royal Liverpool Golf Club and £5 per day at Wallasey Golf Club.

10. 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 venues the Recorders' office will be located in a portacabin as you exit from the course.

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.

11. DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES (INCLUDING TROLLEYS WITH BUILT IN 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.

12. PACE OF PLAY

It is the responsibility of each competitor to understand the Pace of Play policy. **Failure to comply with the Pace of Play policy may result in you being penalised.** With this in mind you will be asked to read the Pace of Play policy at Registration (copies will be available in different languages). You are also requested to watch a practical demonstration of how the timing procedure operates via the following link: <http://www.randa.org/en/Rules-and-Amateur-Status/Pace-of-Play.aspx> Should you have any questions regarding the Pace of Play policy then please visit the Championship Office at both Royal Liverpool or Wallasey where R&A Officials will be happy to assist your query.

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 9 August – Tel: +44 (0) 1334 460000 / Fax: +44 (0) 1334 460005 / E-mail: jta@randa.org and thereafter to The R&A Office at Royal Liverpool - Tel: 01334 213400 Email: euannmordaunt@randa.org.

14. RESERVES

The first ten reserves on the published list will be entitled to a practice round on both courses and any other player privileges.

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 2013. 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.

16. WELCOME BARBEQUE

Royal Liverpool will host a welcoming Barbeque reception with complimentary food and refreshments. This will take place, weather permitting, outside the Clubhouse from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on Monday 12 August. In the event of adverse weather the reception will take place inside the Clubhouse. Invitations will be issued at Registration and it is hoped that as many Competitors as possible will attend.

17. ACCOMMODATION

For advice with regard to accommodation please visit the following website:
<http://www.visitwirral.com/where-to-stay>

18. COMPETITOR NOTICEBOARDS

Further information for Competitors will be posted on Championship noticeboards, located in the competitor's main entrance at Royal Liverpool and in the foyer at the main entrance at Wallasey.

19. CONTACTS

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I hope you have a very successful and enjoyable Championship.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Euan Mordaunt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'E'.

EUAN MORDAUNT

Director - Amateur Events