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**THE 2014 BOYS AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
PRESTWICK AND DUNDONALD LINKS
TUESDAY 12 – SUNDAY 17 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 Prestwick and one over Dundonald Links. 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 Prestwick from Thursday 14 August.

2. TRAVEL & CAR PARKING

The postal address for Prestwick is 2 Links Road, Prestwick, Ayrshire, KA9 1QG. The Club's website address is: www.prestwickgc.co.uk

Dundonald Links postal address is Ayr Rd, Irvine, Troon, Ayrshire KA11 5BF. The Club's website address is: www.dundonaldlinks.com

The nearest airports are Glasgow Prestwick (5 – 10 minutes approx.) and Glasgow International (40 – 45 minutes approx.) There are also trains available into Irvine, Barassie and Prestwick Town which are all nearby.

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 at Registration you will receive a car park hanger which is required to be displayed in your vehicle. The car park hanger will allow access into the main club house car park at Prestwick.

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

3. REGISTRATION

All competitors **must** register at the Registration desk, located downstairs in the Main Lounge of the Clubhouse at Prestwick. Registration will be open from 9.00am until 5.00pm on Sunday 10 August and from 9.00am until 4.00pm on Monday 11 August.

A Competitor who does not register by 4.00pm on Monday 11 August may be withdrawn from the Championship. If you are unable to register in person, please telephone +44 (0) 1334 213 400 (Opt.1) or e-mail ewanmordaunt@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 Prestwick and Dundonald Links. 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

Access to the Clubhouse facilities at Prestwick will be restricted to competitors and guests displaying clubhouse passes. Each competitor will be issued with 2 clubhouse passes at Registration for use by any guests such as parents or guardians. Additional clubhouse passes maybe available on request from the Championship Office.

The clubhouse facilities at Dundonald Links will be open to all and no clubhouse passes are required.

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 – at Prestwick the assigned lockers are within the Visitors' Locker Room. Please note that these lockers will vary in size but none will accommodate a tour golf bag. At Dundonald Links, should a competitor require a secure locker, they should collect a key from the Professional's Shop. A £1 refundable deposit is required for use of a secure locker at Prestwick.

Bag storage will be available at both courses. At Prestwick the bag storage area in the downstairs area of the clubhouse will be used for this purpose. At Dundonald Links a secure bag storage area will be available – to use this facility please report to the Professional's Shop where staff will provide access to this facility.

All articles will be left at owner's risk. The R&A, Prestwick and Dundonald Links 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 Prestwick, soft spikes are permitted throughout the clubhouse but not in the Main Lounge or Dining Room. Competitors are requested to bring shoes to change into following golf. At Dundonald Links, golf shoes may be worn anywhere within the clubhouse.

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. Catering will open 45 minutes before the first tee-time at Prestwick on each Championship and Official Practice Day. Catering will open 1 hour before the first tee-time at Dundonald Links on each Championship and Official Practice Day.

Throughout the Championship, at Prestwick, food will be available until 5pm – thereafter sandwiches will be available on request. At Dundonald Links, food will be available until the last competitors have finished play.

7. PRACTICE

On the two official Practice days, Sunday 10 and Monday 11 August, the 1st tees will be open at 7.00am. On Sunday 10 the 1st tees will close at 4.30pm and on Monday 11 the 1st tees will close at 2.30pm.

At Prestwick practice times should be reserved by telephoning 01292 477404 or e-mailing bookings@prestwickgc.co.uk At Dundonald Links practice times should be reserved through the Professional's Shop by telephoning 01294 314 000. 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. The agreed rate for practice rounds at both Prestwick and Dundonald Links out with the official practice times is £35. Competitors wishing to check on availability should use the contact details noted above.

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

A controlled practice ground, with balls free of charge, will be operated at both Prestwick and Dundonald Links.

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.

At Prestwick, the practice ground facility is located at the far end of the golf course, an approximate 15 minute drive from the Clubhouse. To access the practice ground, 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.

Please note: In view of the approximate 15 minute drive from the Practice Ground and Clubhouse it is each player's responsibility to ensure enough time is allowed to be ready to play at his assigned tee-time.

The practice putting greens and short game areas are located adjacent to each Clubhouse.

The opening and closing times will be as follows:

Sunday 10 & Monday 11 August	6.00am – 7.00pm (both venues)
Tuesday 12 & Wednesday 13 August	6.00am – 7.00pm (both venues)
Thursday 14 August	6.30am – 6.00pm
Friday 15 August	6.30am – 5.00pm
Saturday 16 August	7.00am – 8.45am, 12.00pm – 1.15pm
Sunday 17 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.

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

The use of a caddie is NOT PERMITTED during the Championship.

Complimentary pull trolleys are available at both venues. There are also limited electric trollies available at a cost to the competitor.

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

The specimen Local Rule **permitting** the use of Distance Measuring Devices will be in effect for The Boys Amateur Championship – see page 136 in the Rules of Golf.

For additional guidance on permissible and non-permissible Distance Measuring Devices, see <http://www.randa.org/en/Equipment/Distance-Measuring-Devices.aspx>

If you have any queries, please contact the Championship Office.

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 will also be requested to watch a practical demonstration of how the timing procedure operates during the registration process. A DVD of the pace of play procedure will be issued at registration. Should you have any questions regarding the Pace of Play policy then please visit the Championship Office at either Prestwick or Dundonald Links where R&A Officials will be happy to assist your query.

13. GROOVE CONDITION

The new condition requiring golf clubs to conform to the 2010 groove and punch mark specifications will be in effect at R&A Championships this year. All competitors' equipment must conform to the amended groove regulations which apply to all clubs, apart from drivers and putters. Full details can be found in Decision 4-1/1 of Decisions on the Rules of Golf.

For any queries, please visit the webpage www.randa.org/groovesearch, contact Mrs. Claire Bates (equipmentstandards@randa.org) or call +44 (0) 1334 460 000. There will also be Equipment Standards staff onsite at Prestwick between 2pm on Sunday 10 and 3pm on Tuesday 12 August.

14. 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 8 August – Tel: +44 (0) 1334 460000 / Fax: +44 (0) 1334 460005 / E-mail: jta@randa.org and thereafter to The R&A Office at Prestwick - Tel: 01334 213400 (Opt.1) E-mail: ewanmordaunt@randa.org

15. RESERVES

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

16. WELCOME HOG ROAST

Prestwick will host a welcoming Hog Roast reception with complimentary food and refreshments. This will take place, weather permitting, outside the Clubhouse from 6.00 to 8.00pm on Monday 11 August. The dress code is smart casual. 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 and information with regard to accommodation the following websites are recommended:

- www.ayrshirebandb.com
- <http://www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/ayrshire-arran/accommodation>

18. COMPETITOR NOTICEBOARDS

Further information for Competitors will be posted on Championship noticeboards, located in the competitor's main entrance at Prestwick and in the foyer at the main entrance at Dundonald Links.

19. CONTACTS

Prestwick

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I hope you have a very successful and enjoyable Championship.

Yours faithfully



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