



May 2015

THE 120th AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

CARNOUSTIE AND PANMURE

MONDAY 15 JUNE TO SATURDAY 20 JUNE 2015

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Dear Sir

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

Attached is a copy of the draw for the first stage of the Championship which will be decided by stroke play over two rounds. The 64 lowest scores over the 36 holes and ties for 64th place will compete in the match play stage. The remainder will be eliminated. The leading qualifiers will be seeded.

1. REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK

Competitors are required to register for the Championship. Registration for all Competitors will be located in the Visitors Centre at Carnoustie.

Hours of opening

Saturday 13 June	8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Sunday 14 June	8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

A Competitor who does not register by 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 14 June may be withdrawn from the Championship. If you are unable to register in person, please telephone + 44 (0) 1334 213 400 Ext. 1 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 distance guide for Carnoustie and Panmure. In addition you will be required to visit various work stations which include Pace of Play, WAGR™ (World Amateur Golf Ranking) and Equipment Standards. With this in mind please allow sufficient time to complete the Registration process.

2. TRAVEL & PARKING

The nearest airports and approximate drive times to Carnoustie and Panmure is as follows:

Dundee	25 minutes
Aberdeen	1 hour 20 minutes
Edinburgh	1 hour 35 minutes
Glasgow	2 hours 15 minutes

The nearest train station to Carnoustie is Golf Street and to Panmure is Barry Links. However the main Carnoustie train station offers more frequent stops.

Parking at Carnoustie and Panmure will be signposted and close to the Clubhouses.

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

3. PRACTICE ROUNDS

To book one practice round at Carnoustie please contact the golf office on +44 (0)1241 802270, Option 1 or e-mail golf@carnoustiegolflinks.co.uk. To book one practice round at Panmure please contact the professional shop on +44 (0)1241 852 460 or e-mail professional@panmuregolfclub.co.uk.

	Carnoustie	Panmure
Saturday 13 June	8.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Sunday 14 June	8.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.	8.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

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 practice shot. PLAY IS RESTRICTED TO THE TEE OF THE DAY.

Competitor's wishing to practice outwith the above official practice times may do so at the discretion of the host venues. At Carnoustie, the agreed rate for a practice round outwith the official practice times is £80 per round and at Panmure is £40 per round. Competitors must telephone the venues in advance to check on availability.

Practice Ground

A controlled practice ground, with balls free of charge, will be operated at both Carnoustie and Panmure.

At Panmure, the practice ground measures a maximum of 250 yards to the furthest part. **Competitors MUST not hit beyond this distance under any circumstances.** Failure to comply may lead to disciplinary action by the Championship Committee.

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 MAY BE LIABLE TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE.

The opening and closing times will be as follows;

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 June	7.00am – 7.00pm (both venues)
Monday 15 & Tuesday 16 June	6.00am – 7.00pm (both venues)
Wednesday 17 June	6.00am – 7.00pm
Thursday 18 June	6.30am – 6.00pm
Friday 19 June	7.00am – 8.30am and 11.45am – 1.15pm
Saturday 20 June	7.00am – 8.30am and 12.00pm – 1.00pm

4. RESERVES

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

5. CLUBHOUSE(S)

Carnoustie

The Visitors Centre at Carnoustie is reserved exclusively for competitors. Competitors will be required to display their players badge to gain access.

Access is open to all in the Carnoustie and Caledonia clubhouses. There is no requirement for clubhouse access badges.

The opening and closing times for the Visitors Centre and Clubhouses is as follows:

Date	Visitors Centre		Golf Clubs	
	Open	Close	Open	Close
Sat 13 June	7am	9.30pm	7am	7pm
Sun 14 June	7am	8pm	7am	7pm
Mon 15 June	6am	9.30pm	7am	7pm
Tues 16 June	6am	9.30pm	7am	7pm
Wed 17 June	6am	7pm	7am	7pm
Thurs 18 June	6.30am	7pm	7am	7pm
Fri 19 June	7am	7pm	7am	7pm
Sat 20 June	7am	7pm	7am	7pm

Additionally the Carnoustie Golf Hotel is open to all where no access badges are required.

Panmure

Access is open to all and there is no requirement for clubhouse access badges. The clubhouse 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.

Locker Room and Bag Store

At Carnoustie, the men's locker room in the Visitors Centre will be available for use by competitors only. Small lockers are available to competitors. A returnable token system will apply.

At Panmure, the main locker room area will be available for use by competitors only. Small lockers are available to competitors with keys available.

Storage space is available at both venues for golf bags only i.e. no trollies. Please see the locker room attendant at both venues to store golf bag's securely.

All articles will be left at owner's risk. The R&A, Carnoustie Golf Links and Panmure 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.

6. DRESS

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

At Panmure, soft spikes may only be worn in the casual bar. At both venues, competitors are requested to bring shoes to change into following golf.

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

7. CADDIES & TROLLIES

A limited number of caddies will be available at both venues but must be booked in advance of the Championship. To book a caddie for Carnoustie and/or Panmure, please contact the caddie master, Martin Roy, on +44(0) 1241 802288 or +44(0) 1241 802289. Caddie fees will apply.

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

8. CATERING OPTIONS

At Carnoustie, catering will be available in the Carnoustie Golf Club, the Caledonia Golf Club or as an additional option the Carnoustie Golf Hotel. At Panmure, catering will be available in the dining room of the clubhouse. Catering for competitors and their guests will be available in all facilities noted as per the opening/closing times noted in Item 5. Clubhouse(s).

As an additional option, a catering marquee will be provided in the tented village at Carnoustie for the use of Competitors and Spectators for the duration of the Championship.

All catering will be at the cost to competitors.

9. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

The specimen Local Rule permitting the use of Distance Measuring Devices will be in effect for The 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.

10. 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 are asked to read the attached Pace of Play policy. To understand how the timing procedure operates in practical terms please click on the following link: <http://www.randa.org/en/Rules-and-Amateur-Status/Pace-of-Play/RandA-Pace-of-Play-Policy.aspx>

Should you have any questions regarding the Pace of Play policy then please visit the Championship Office at either Carnoustie or Panmure where R&A Officials will be happy to assist your query.

11. GROOVE CONDITION

The condition requiring golf clubs to conform to the 2010 groove and punch mark specifications will be in effect. All competitors' equipment must conform to the 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 web page 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 Carnoustie during The Amateur Championship.

12. 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 Amateur Championship 2015. 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.igfgolf.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.

Please find attached further information regarding the Anti-Doping policy. Competitors are asked to read this policy in advance of the Championship.

13. RECORDING

In the stroke play qualifying rounds, players **MUST** report to the Recorders office immediately after completing their round.

During the match play stages, 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. A winning player will be asked to complete a match result card in the Recorder's Office following the conclusion of their match.

No play is permitted after completion of a match.

14. WITHDRAWALS

Until 4.00 pm on Friday 12 June, competitors should advise Jonathan Tippetts-Aylmer of the Entries Department if they have to withdraw from the Championship, telephone +44 (0)1334 460030 or +44 (0)7500 969194. After Friday 12 June, notice of withdrawal should be made directly to Euan Mordaunt at Carnoustie – Tel: **+ 44 (0) 1334 213 400 Ext. 1** or email: euanmordaunt@randa.org

15. FUNCTIONS

The R&A will host a Hog Roast welcome reception with complimentary food and refreshments. This will take place, weather permitting, outside the Carnoustie Golf Hotel from 6.00 to 8.00 p.m. on Sunday 14 June. In the event of adverse weather the reception will take place inside the hotel. Invitations will be issued at Registration and it is hoped that as many Competitors as possible will attend.

The R&A will also host a Winner's Champagne Reception in the Visitors Centre at Carnoustie after the prize giving on Saturday 20 June. Competitors involved with the prize giving and immediate friends/family in attendance will be invited to this function.

16. PLAYER FACILITIES

Internet access and a laptop and printer will be available at both venues for Competitor use only.

Taylor Made, Nike and Srixon have indicated that their respective Tour Trailers will be in attendance, adjacent to the practice ground at Carnoustie during the official practice days on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 June inclusive.

17. ACCOMMODATION

A competitor room rate is available at the Carnoustie Golf Hotel. To obtain this rate, please ring 01241 411999 and ask for either Colin or Janis and quote "Amateur Open". The agreed rate is £90 B&B per room per night.

The following websites provide alternative local accommodation options;

www.VisitAngus.com

www.carnoustiecountry.com/info/20191/where_to_stay

www.visitscotland.com/accommodation

18. CONTACTS

Carnoustie

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The R&A Based at Carnoustie

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The R&A Based at Panmure

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I hope you have a very successful and enjoyable Championship.

Yours faithfully



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