

THE ENGLISH MEN'S OPEN AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP for the BRABAZON TROPHY

Presented by the Rt. Hon. Lord Brabazon of Tara GBE, MC, LLD (President 1938)

**The Alwoodley Golf Club
30 May – 2 June 2019**

**Entry Fee £80
Closing Date: 12 noon, Wednesday 24 April**



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Terms of the Competition

1. Rules of Golf

All Championships shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and such Local Rules and Terms of the Competition as shall be approved by England Golf.
In the case of entry by a golfer with disability, he can apply to England Golf for adoption of the Modification of the Rules for Golfers with Disability.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 All players must be of Amateur Status as defined by The Rules of Amateur Status.
- 2.2 Open to male amateur golfers of all nationalities.
- 2.3 In possession of a competition "c" handicap not exceeding 1.4 under the CONGU Unified Handicapping System or a comparable scheme operated by a recognised overseas Golf Union, Federation or Association.

3. Format

- 3.1 It shall be played by 72 holes of stroke play over four days, 18 holes being played on each day. After 36 holes, the leading 60 competitors and all those tying for 60th place shall play a further 18 holes on the third day, followed by a re-draw and a final 18 holes on the fourth day.
- 3.2 The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest score over 72 holes. In the event of a tie, there will be a sudden death play-off over holes to be decided by the Championship Committee.

4. Entries

- 4.1 A minimum of 144 competitors shall play in the Championship.
- 4.2 Entries may be made online at the England Golf website (www.Englandgolf.org). In order to enter online, a competitor must possess a CDH (Central Database of Handicaps) ID number. Payment will be taken when the online entry is submitted. Unsuccessful entrants will be refunded to the same card after the closing date.
- 4.3 If Online Entry is not possible, a PDF entry form may be downloaded from the England Golf website or from the England Golf Championship Department and emailed to championships@Englandgolf.org, or by post.
- 4.4 Entries by telephone are not accepted.
- 4.5 No entry fee will be refunded unless written/email notice of withdrawal is received before the closing date for entries, except to any entrant who may be balloted out and who does not subsequently compete. Withdrawal of an entry prior to the closing date will incur an administration charge of £5.
- 4.6 When entering any England Golf event by any of the methods in 4 above, a player's exact handicap must be recorded on the entry form. Any entry ballot will be based on the exact handicap of the relevant players, as at the closing date of entries using the Central Database of Handicaps (CDH). Where a CDH number is not available players are required to notify the Championship department of any changes prior to the closing date.
Note: It is the player's responsibility to ensure that their exact handicap on the CDH is up to date. England Golf shall take no responsibility for any out of date handicap used for balloting purposes.
- 4.7 Players holding both a CONGU and an overseas authority's handicap must enter the Championship using their CONGU handicap. Failure to comply will result in entry being denied.
- 4.8 If a player has relinquished their CONGU handicap in favour of a lower overseas handicap, they will be requested to provide a playing record comprising at least 10 scores from the previous 12 months showing they are able to meet the required playing standard for entry into England Golf

Championships. Otherwise, entry will be denied.

- 4.9 Overseas entries will only be accepted when the player's handicap has been verified by their Home Union/Federation/Association.
- 4.10 All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee, which reserves the right to accept, refuse, or cancel an entry without giving reason for its decision. The Committee's decision shall be final. In such cases, any entry fee will be refunded.

5. Qualifying Competition

- 5.1 The maximum number of non-exempt players shall be 264.
- 5.2 If the number of entries for qualifying exceeds 264, they shall be reduced to 264 by eliminating the higher handicaps by ballot or in such other way as the Championship Committee shall determine.
Note: Those who played for England in the previous year's Boys' Home Internationals will be exempt from any ballot.
- 5.3 Two regional qualifying rounds, each with a maximum of 132 players, will be held at courses decided by the Championship Committee.
- 5.4 If a qualifying round is oversubscribed players will be placed on a reserve list. These players may be offered at a place in the other qualifying round if places are available.
- 5.5 Irrespective of the number of exempt players entering the Championship, a minimum of **30** qualifiers from each of the regional qualifying rounds will normally qualify. There would only be a reduction to this number if the total number of exempt players and qualifiers exceeds 155. If there is a tie for the last qualifying place, the qualifiers shall be determined via card countback as per 13 below.
- 5.6 In the event of no play being possible on the qualifying days places for the Brabazon Trophy will be determined by the lowest handicaps at the time of the closing date at each of the qualifying rounds. Should there be a tie for the final places these shall be decided by lot.

6. Exemptions from Qualifying

The following will be exempt from qualifying provided their handicaps comply with 2.3 (excluding Category 14, 15 and 23 below).

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| 1. England | 10 players |
| 2. Ireland | 6 players |
| 3. Scotland | 6 players |
| 4. Wales | 6 players |
| 5. Spain | 4 players |
| 6. France | 4 players |
| 7. Teams finishing in Flight 1 of the previous year's European Team Championships (not including 1-6 above). | 4 players |
| 8. South Africa | 4 players |
| 9. Australia | 4 players |
| 10. New Zealand | 4 players |
| 11. English Amateur Champion 2018 | |
| 12. British Amateur Champion 2018 | |
| 13. British Boys Champion 2018 | |
| 14. English Men's County Champion 2018 | |
| 15. English Boys County Champion 2018 | |
| 16. Carris Trophy Winner 2018 | |
| 17. Top 10 players and those tying for 10 th place in the previous year's European Amateur Championship. | |
| 18. English players in the previous year's St Andrews Trophy Team | |
| 19. English players in the previous year's Jacques Leglise Team | |
| 20. The top 15 players and those tying for 15 th place in the previous year's Championship | |
| 21. Top 10 players in the 2018 England Order of Merit | |
| 22. Any player, not otherwise exempt, in the top 25 of the R&A's World Amateur Order of Merit Ranking on 24 April of the year in which the Championship is to be played. | |
| 23. The leading player, who is not already exempt or qualified, in each of the Group Qualifying Competitions for the English Men's County Championship. If that leading player is unavailable, a substitute will not be allowed. If a Qualifying Competition is played after the current year's Brabazon Trophy, the exemption shall apply to the following year. | |
| 24. Players at the discretion of the Championship Committee. | |

Note:

- a) Countries with exemptions may replace any player who was on their exemption list but subsequently is unable to play.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, in the above list the words "Champion" and "Winner" mean as on the first day of the Championship.

c) If an exempt place is not taken, a qualifier will be invited to ensure a minimum of 144 players compete in the first two rounds of the Championship.

7. Withdrawals

Withdrawals will only be accepted if:

7.1 Written confirmation is received in to championships@englandgolf.org

7.2 If a player withdraws prior to the closing date an administration charge of £5 will apply. In the event of a competitor withdrawing after the closing date the entry fee will not be refunded.

7.3 Any player who:

i) withdraws from an event after the draw has been published, or

ii) fails to register at the England Golf Championship Office or other designated location, or online or by telephone by 12:00 on the day before a Championship starts, or

iii) fails to appear on the tee at their appointed start time, or

iv) having qualified to continue in an event, fails to do so*

will be subject to an automatic ban from entering or playing in England Golf Championships for such period as the Championship Committee may decide.

*If a competitor withdraws from the competition before the cut is made the players score shall still be included in determining the cut mark.

8. Reserves

8.1 A reserve list will be maintained and managed by the Championship Department. Should a place or places in the draw become available, reserves will be invited to play in the order they are listed on the reserve list.

8.2 In order to ensure a full field for a Championship and at the sole discretion of the Championship Department, a reserve or reserves may be offered a place depending on whether they can be contacted, i.e. irrespective of their place on the reserve list.

8.3 In the event of a late withdrawal of a player in the draw, a reserve who has entered the event in accordance with 4 above and is present at the venue on the first day of the Championship may be offered the vacated start place. Should there be more than one reserve in attendance, such reserves will be invited to play in the order they are listed on the reserve list.

8.4 At the discretion of registration officials at the venue, and depending on a practice round space being available, a reserve who is present at the venue may play a practice round. They may also use practice facilities at the venue.

9. Registration

Players must register their intention to compete in a Championship by 12:00 on the day before the event starts, either in person at the Championship Office or by telephone.

Failure to do so will result in the player forfeiting their place, which will be offered to a reserve. The player concerned will also forfeit their entry fee.

10. Transportation

During a round (including practice), a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

Note: Prior approval for the use of motorized transport is required. Please see England Golf's Transportation Policy (www.englandgolf.org), which includes provisions for people with disabilities, for further details.

11. Dress Code

Players and caddies may wear standard golf apparel, including tailored shorts, unless otherwise specified in the Players Information.

12. Inclement Weather

If, in the opinion of England Golf, it becomes impossible to complete a Championship in accordance with that Championship's Conditions because of adverse weather or other circumstances, England Golf may vary the format to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.

13. Winner, Prizes and Decision of Ties

13.1 The Winner shall be presented with the Brabazon Trophy at the Prize Presentation and receive a memento.

13.2 Prize vouchers shall be awarded to the top 3 places.

13.3 Ties for first place will be decided by a sudden death play-off over holes to be determined by England Golf.

Note: If a play-off involves more than two players, those eliminated will be deemed to have tied for

second place, regardless of the order in which they were eliminated, and will receive Second Place vouchers of equal value.

13.4 Ties for prizes (with the exception in 3.2), will be decided as follows:

- i) Shall be decided on the 4th round, then the 3rd round, then the 2nd round and then the 1st round.
- ii) Should that fail to produce a result, ties shall be decided on the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes of the last completed round. If a tie still arises it shall be decided on the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes of the first nine holes of the last completed round. If a tie still arises, each of the preceding rounds played shall be treated in the same way (taking each round in the reverse order to that in which they were played) until a decision is reached.

13.5 A player may win more than one trophy.

14. The George Henriques Salver

Presented by Mrs. Henriques in memory of her husband, G L Q Henriques (President 1951).

14.1 Competition for this Salver shall be held in conjunction with the English Men's Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship for the Brabazon Trophy.

14.2 This competition shall be restricted to players from Great Britain and Ireland who have not reached the age of 20 on the first day of the English Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship.

14.3 The winner shall be the player returning the lowest score over 72 holes. He shall be presented with the Salver at the Prize Presentation and receive a memento.

14.4 In the event of a tie, those players shall be joint winners of the Salver and each shall receive a memento.

14.5 Other Terms of the Competition shall be as in the English Men's Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship.

15. The Philip Scrutton Jug

Presented by Mrs Scrutton in memory of Philip Scrutton.

15.1 The Philip Scrutton Jug to be awarded annually to the player returning the best joint scores in The Berkshire Trophy and the English Men's Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship.

15.2 The winner shall be presented with the Jug at the Prize Presentation of the Berkshire Trophy and shall receive a memento.

15.3 In the event of a tie, those players shall be joint winners of the Jug and each shall receive a memento.

15.4 Other Terms of the Competition shall be as in the English Men's Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship.

16. Policies & Procedures

All England Golf policies apply, as appropriate, to England Golf Championships. They include but are not limited to:

- Anti-Doping Regulations
- Code of Conduct
- Equality Policy
- Gender Policy
- Pace of Play Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Transportation Policy (including provisions for people with disabilities)

All relevant policies are available to be viewed at www.Englandgolf.org/competitions

17. Photography Consent

By entering an England Golf event all players are consenting to being filmed or recorded (images and sound) by or on behalf of England Golf, or another authorised third party, and consent to these images (or likenesses) being used in any film, recording, photograph or other footage ("recording") in the promotion of England Golf activities. All rights in the recording shall be owned by England Golf or the authorised third party. Players agree that any recording may be used by England Golf or an authorised third party in any media and for any purpose throughout the world, including, without limitation, for promotional materials and activities, merchandise, or other commercial activities. Players acknowledge that no payment or compensation for use of their image or likeness shall be payable to them. Please contact the Championship department at championships@englandgolf.org if you have any queries.

18. Liability

Neither the Club nor England Golf can be held responsible for the loss of or damage to, equipment or personal possessions.