



# SENIOR SERIES

(inc. Regional Qualifying and the National Final)

## 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/she 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. Entrants must be aged 50 or over on the day of Regional Qualifying.
- 2.3. In possession of a competition "c" CONGU handicap on the date of entry not exceeding 28.4 for Men and 36.4 for Women.

### 3. Format

- 3.1. **Qualifying.** Each qualifying round shall consist of 18 holes of stableford played off full handicap allowance and shall be a qualifying round for handicap purposes. An adjustment shall be applied when applicable under Appendix 0 of the CONGU Unified Handicapping System.
- 3.2. There will be a maximum of 120 competitors at each Regional Qualifying round taken on a first come basis.
- 3.3. The winner of each qualifying round shall be the competitor who returns the highest number of stableford points over 18 holes and shall be presented with a memento at the National Final.
- 3.4. Ties to determine places into the National Final (see below) shall be decided on the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes of the 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 round.
- 3.5. **National Final.** The National Final shall be played over 18 holes of stableford played off full handicap allowance and shall be a qualifying round for handicap purposes. An adjustment shall be applied when applicable under Appendix 0 of the CONGU Unified Handicapping System.
- 3.6. Finalists will be taken on a pro-rata basis from the Regional Qualifying tournaments. (The England Golf Championship Committee has the authority to give exemptions into the Final at their discretion).



- 3.7. The winner shall be the competitor who returns the highest number of stableford points over 18 holes and shall be presented with a trophy, memento and prize voucher. Prize vouchers will be awarded to the top 2 places.
- 3.8. Ties shall be decided on the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes of the round. If a tie still arises it shall be decided on the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes of the first nine holes.
- 3.9. Where players who have qualified for The National Final and are unable to compete, places shall be allocated from the next available player on the results sheet of the relevant Regional Qualifying tournament.
- 3.10. Order of Merit points will be awarded to all those players not gaining automatic qualification to the National Final. The top 3 players at the conclusion of the last qualification event will be awarded a spot at the National Final, based upon the players best 3 rounds.

#### 4. Entries

- 4.1. Entries may be made online at the England Golf website ([www.Englandgolf.org](http://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 placed on a Reserve List and refunded if a place does not become available in the qualifying round.

- 4.2. If Online Entry is not possible, a PDF entry form may be downloaded from the England Golf website. This may be email: [championships@Englandgolf.org](mailto:championships@Englandgolf.org), or by post. They must be accompanied by payment either by cheque (payable to "England Golf Ltd") or by debit/credit card. Entries without payment will not be accepted.
- 4.3. Entries by telephone are not accepted.
- 4.4. Entry fees will be refunded up to 7 days before the event provided written/email notice of withdrawal is received, following this date No entry fees will be refunded.
- 4.5. Entries received after the competition closing date will only be considered if the maximum field size has not been achieved.
- 4.6. 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. 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](http://www.Englandgolf.org)), which includes provisions for people with disabilities, for further details.

## 6. Dress Code

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

## 7. 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.

## 8. 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
- Disciplinary Policy
- Equality Policy
- Gender Policy
- Pace of Play Policy
- Safeguarding Adults Policy
- Children and Young People Safeguarding Policy
- Transportation Policy (including provisions for people with disabilities)

All relevant policies are available to be viewed at [www.Englandgolf.org/competitions](http://www.Englandgolf.org/competitions).

## 9. Photography Consent

England Golf seeks media coverage and publicity for the above Championship around and during the Championship via both the written press and via broadcast and audio-visual media. Each competitor by entering the Championship and by agreeing to these Terms of Competition assigns to England Golf and its assignees and licensees the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, edit, exhibit and reproduce (and to authorise others to do so) in any and all media (whether Press, radio, television, internet or otherwise), whether now known or hereafter devised for commercial and/or other purposes from time to time and at their discretion, any and all pictures, coverage, recordings and any other reproductions of any description of the competitor made during or in connection with the Championship (including, without limitation, during practice and play) without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, successors,



executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor. The competitor also assigns the right to use and reproduce their name, voice, likeness and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised by England Golf for the purpose of promoting the Championship, any subsequent Championships and the activities of England Golf, without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor including in circumstances where it may include the logo of a third party or of a sponsor or patron of the Championship or any subsequent Championship. Competitors shall be responsible for ensuring that their caddies (if applicable) will assign to England Golf and its successors and licensees equivalent rights in relation to the caddie. Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of rights, England Golf and its assignees and licensees agree that, other than as permitted above, they will not authorise any company contractually associated with England Golf to use the competitor's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in a way which constitutes the endorsement of a product or service, without first requiring such associated company to obtain the competitor's authorisation.

Please contact the Championship department at [championships@englandgolf.org](mailto:championships@englandgolf.org) if you have any queries.

#### 10. Liability

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