



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)

Sherwood Forest Golf Club
18-21 August 2020

Entry Fee £85
Closing Date: 12 noon, Wednesday 29 July

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 maximum 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.



Ballot: If entries exceed 144, including those exempt from ballot under 5 below, those non-exempt shall be reduced to the number required (determined by the number of exempt players) by eliminating the higher handicaps by ballot or in such other way as the Championship Committee shall determine. Players eliminated by ballot will be kept on a reserve list. If such players are not subsequently offered a place or are unable to accept such an offer, entry fees will be returned.

5. Exemptions from Ballot

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

1. England (Nominated by Federation)	10 players
2. Ireland (Nominated by Federation)	6 players
3. Scotland (Nominated by Federation)	6 players
4. Wales (Nominated by Federation)	6 players
5. Spain (Nominated by Federation)	4 players
6. France (Nominated by Federation)	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 (Nominated by Federation)	4 players
9. Australia (Nominated by Federation)	4 players
10. New Zealand (Nominated by Federation)	4 players
11. English Amateur Champion 2019	
12. British Amateur Champion 2019	
13. British Boys Champion 2019	
14. English Men's County Champion 2019	
15. English Boys County Champion 2019	
16. Carris Trophy Winner 2019	
17. Top 10 players and those tying for 10th 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 15th place in the previous year's Championship
21. Top 10 players in the 2019 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 29 July 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 2019 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:

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

6. Withdrawals

Withdrawals will only be accepted if:

- 6.1. Written confirmation is received in to championships@englandgolf.org
- 6.2. 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.
- 6.3. 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.

7. Reserves

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. 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.
- 7.3. 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.
- 7.4. 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.

8. Registration

After the entry close date, online registration details will be sent to all competitors who have made the ballot. Players must then register their intention to compete in the championship online, via the championship portal. As part of the registration process competitors will be asked to complete a simple COVID-19 questionnaire.

Online registration must be completed any time prior to 12:00 on the day before the event starts. 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.

9. Restriction of Caddies

- 9.1 Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: Caddies are not permitted.
- 9.2 Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which any breach occurred.
- 9.3 If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.



10. Transportation

During a round (including practice), a player 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 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 5 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. 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 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



16. 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 if you have any queries.

17. Liability

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