



R&A 9 HOLE CHALLENGE

Club Qualifying Terms for English Clubs

1 March 2021 – 6 June 2021

Terms of the Competition

1. Rules of Golf

- 1.1. All Qualifying Rounds 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.
- 1.2. In the case of entry by a golfer with disability, they 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 amateur golfers of all ages, who are members of clubs affiliated to England Golf and in possession of an individual up-to-date Handicap Index not exceeding 54.0 under the WHS Rules of Handicapping. A Handicap Index must be issued from a "golf club" (as defined in the WHS Rules of Handicapping) that is authorised to use the WHS Rules of Handicapping.

3. Format

- 3.1. All 9-hole individual handicap qualifying club competitions played between 1 March 2021 and 6 June 2021 and processed through the WHS portal are eligible 9 Hole Challenge Qualifying Rounds. Competitions do not need to be nominated as 9 Hole Challenge Qualifying Rounds.
- 3.2. All scores recorded in qualifying rounds will be converted into a net score differential. This will be calculated by taking the Score Differential for the round (as found on the My England Golf Platform) and subtracting the player's Handicap Index as it was at the start of the round.
- 3.3. The round must be played on a course that has a 9 hole Course Rating and Slope Rating. If a 9 hole Course Rating and Slope Rating needs to be calculated, please visit <https://www.Englandgolf.org/> for further information.



- 3.4. The best two net score differentials submitted at each club in the qualifying period will be combined to form a pair.
- 3.5. A maximum of one player in the pair may be under the age of 18. In the case of the best two players at a club being under the age of 18, the best Under 18 score will be paired with the best score submitted by a player over the age of 18 at the club.
- 3.6. The leading 9 pairs in the country based on their combined score will be offered the chance to play in the 9 hole competition organised by The R&A at Royal St. George's Golf Club, 10th July, just days before the 149th Open Championship.

4. Entry

- 4.1. To enter a score into the 9 Hole Challenge, the online entry form must be completed on the England Golf Website: <https://www.Englandgolf.org/competitions/>. There is no fee to submit an entry.
- 4.2. The closing date for scores to be submitted to the 9 Hole Challenge Portal is midday on Monday 7 June.
- 4.3. For a golf club to be eligible, at least two players must have submitted a score recorded at the club to the 9 Hole Challenge Portal before the closing date.
- 4.4. All scores will be verified by England Golf before being posted on the Leaderboard.
- 4.5. Players are able to submit multiple scores within the qualifying period to the 9 Hole Challenge Portal. To submit an improved score, log in to the 9 Hole Challenge Portal with the details registered with your initial entry. You will then be able to edit the Score Differential and golf club the score was submitted at.

Please note: only submit additional scores if they are an improvement on your previous score.