



England Golf Championships & Events

Venue Selection Policy

Introduction

England Golf is the national governing body for amateur golf in England. As part of its core strategy, it runs over 50 championships and events a year for golfers of all ages and abilities.

England Golf give opportunity for players to compete at the highest level of amateur golf and have seen the likes of Justin Rose, Lee Westwood, Tommy Fleetwood, Georgia Hall and Charley Hull compete in their championships and gain the necessary experiences to forge successful careers in the professional game.

Hosting an England Golf championship or handicap event provides various opportunities to the host venue. This includes, but is not restricted to, increased media coverage, the ability to showcase the club and facilities and the opportunity to develop financial opportunities through increased green fee revenue and membership.

This policy outlines the process in which venues are selected and the criteria which is used to determine a club's suitability.

Selection Process (championships)

All courses hosting a championship or event must be affiliated to England Golf and pay the appropriate affiliation fees on time. The club must also have the required policies in place (Safegolf & Women in Golf Charter) and be able to demonstrate their commitment towards equality and diversity.

A venue is selected for an England Golf championship typically 3 years in advance and may be selected in one of two ways.

Firstly, Clubs may be approached by England Golf, particularly if they have previously hosted an event or championship.

Secondly, a Club may wish to submit an 'Expression of Interest' as outlined in Appendix 3. As previously stated, championships are selected 3 years in advance and a Club should be mindful of this when submitting an application for a specific year. On receiving such a request, it may be necessary for a member of the Championship dept to visit the Club and conduct an assessment of the facilities to confirm its suitability.

The selection of a venue is based on the championship in question and is assessed on some, or all, of the following criteria:

Course Length – England Golf's numerous championships require golf courses of varying lengths. Championships such as the Brabazon Trophy and English Amateur (men) require courses in excess of 6700 yards.

Major women's and girl's championships are not typically played from the Red tees and will be played from a composite course using a selection of White, Yellow and Red tees.

Course Set Up/Preparation

England Golf would expect the course to be prepared and presented in the best possible condition. Whilst expecting a good condition and well-presented course England Golf would not require the host venue to dramatically change the playing characteristics of the course by changing the width of the fairways or altering the height of the rough. During the planning stages and during the championship England Golf staff will liaise closely with greenkeeping staff in determining the varying tee positions and pin locations used.

Date – dates of all England Golf championships are fixed within the calendar and are scheduled around the date of the Open Championship. The Open Championship in July is referred to as OC0 with all championships +/- that date. The date of the English Amateur Championship, as an example, is OC+2, whereas the English Senior Men's

Championship is OC-6.

Practice Facilities – This is a very important element of a championship and a major factor is determining the suitability of a venue. All championships, particularly those in Cat A, are required to have unrestricted practice facilities. There should be no shot length restrictions and should be able to accommodate several competitors at any one time.

Clubhouse & Catering – the venue must have clubhouse and catering facilities that can cater for many competitors, visitors, and officials.

Exclusivity – England Golf requires the host venue to provide its course exclusively during the practice and championship days.

Transportation Links – many of our open championships include a high number of international competitors travelling to compete from all around the world. Easy access to international airports would be beneficial.

Hotel Availability – proximity to varied accommodation is vital as most competitors will stay locally for the duration of the championship.

Volunteers – often championships need a high number of volunteers to assist in the running of the championship. These are sourced from the host venue.

Subject to a Club meeting the above criteria and be selected to host a championship a formal offer to host the championship will be set to the Club.

Selection Process (handicap events)

Unlike championships these are selected around 2 years in advance and have differing requirements to that of the larger multi day championships. They also have no fixed date so there is more flexibility in the time in which the events are played. This provides more flexibility to the host venue.

England Women' Regional Medals – a regional final that is contested in each of the 6 women's regions: North, Midland North, Midland South, East, South West and South.

These are one day events played from the Red tees.

England Golf Captains/Senior Series – these are two-day events aimed at members of the England Golf Captains programme and senior club golfers over the age of 50. As part of hosting these events the Club is normally asked to host a championship event the following season and is included in the initial approach to the Club.

Financials

England Golf make a payment to a club in hosting a championship event. This varies dependant of the category of championship involved.

Cat A

A facility fee of £1000 per day, including practice days, will be paid.

Where the Championship involves the hosting of an Am-Am the club shall also receive 75% of the income generated from the Am-Am.

Cat B & C

A facility fee of £1000 per day, including practice days, will be paid.

This fee is paid approx. one month prior to the start of the championship.

Cat D

These are events in which an amount per competitor is agreed with the host venue.

This fee covers the golf and food provided to each competitor and often results in significant income to the club as these events often involve up to 120 competitors per day.

Sponsorship

In addition to the fee paid for hosting a Cat A or B championship further financial opportunities are available in the way of tee sponsorship. Further details will be provided to the club once acceptance on hosting the championship has been received.

Summary

England Golf is most appreciative of the support from their host venues and continually strive to develop the opportunities of the clubs who host our championships.

Should you require any further information please contact the Championship dept. at championships@englandgolf.org or by speaking to a member of the team on 01526 354500.

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Appendix 1

Championships

	Cat A/B/C/D	OC +/- (incl practice days)	Format	Gender	Age	HI Limit	Course Yardage
English Men's Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship (Brabazon Trophy)	A	OC-8 Tues-Sun	72 Hole S/P 144	Male	N/A	0.4	6700+
Brabazon Trophy – Qualifying Rounds (North, Midlands, South)	C	OC-9 Mon-Tues	18 Hole S/P 120	Male	N/A	0.4	6400+
English Amateur Championship (Host Venue)	A	OC+2 Sun-Sun	36 Hole S/P M/P – KO 204/84 MP – T64/T32	Male/ Female	N/A	M – 0.4 W – 5.4	M - 6700+ W – 6000+
English Amateur Championship (2 nd Venue)	B	OC+2 Sun - Wed	36 Hole S/P 204/84	Male/ Female	N/A	N/A	M – 6700+ W – 6000+
English Women's Open Amateur Stroke Play	A	OC+5 Tues-Sun	72 Hole S/P 144	Female	N/A	5.4	6000+
English Boys Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship (Carris Trophy)	A	OC+1 Sun-Fri	72 Hole S/P 144	Male	U18	1.4	6400+
English Girls Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship	A	OC+1 Mon-Fri	72 Hole S/P 144	Female	U18	9.4	5900+

English Senior Men's Championship (Host Venue)	B	OC-6 Mon-Fri	54 Hole S/P 288	Male	55+	7.4	6300+
English Senior Men's Championship (2nd Venue)	B	OC-6 Mon-Thurs	36 Hole S/P 288	Male	55+	N/A	6300+
English Senior Women's Amateur Championship	B	OC-9 Mon-Fri	36 Hole S/P MP – T32 120	Female	50+	15.4	Red
English Senior Women's Open Stroke Play Championship	B	OC-4 Mon-Thurs	54 Hole S/P 120	Female	50+	15.4	Red
English Boys 16 Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship (McGregor Trophy)	B	OC 0 Mon-Thurs	72 Hole S/P 144	Male	U16	4.4	6100+
English Girls U16/U14 Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship	B	OC+2 Mon-Thurs	72 Hole SP 54 Hole SP 144	Female	U16 U14	12.4	5800+ Red
English Boys U14 Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship (Reid Trophy)	B	OC+3 Mon-Thurs	54 Hole SP 144	Male	U14	6.4	6000+
English Men's Open Mid-Amateur Championship (Logan Trophy)	B	OC-2 Thurs-Sun	54 Hole SP 144	Male	35+	7.4	6400+
English U18 Championship	B	OC-3 Thurs-Sun	72 Hole SP 132	Male/ Female	U18	5.4	M – 6300+ W – 5700+

England v Spain (every 4 years) 2023, 2027, 2031, 2035 etc	A	April/May	Team M/P	Male/ Female	N/A	N/A	M – 6500+ W – 6000+
England v France (every 4 years) 2024, 2028, 2032, 2036 etc	A	April/May	Team M/P	Male	N/A	N/A	6500+
English Champion Club	C	OC+9 Fri-Sun	Team 36 Hole SP	Male	N/A	N/A	6400+
English Men’s County Finals	A	OC+10 Thurs-Sun	Team MP	Male	N/A	N/A	6500+
English Women’s County Finals	A	OC+9 Thurs-Sun	Team MP	Female	N/A	N/A	6000+
English Senior Men’s County Finals	B	OC+12 Mon-Thurs	Team MP	Male	55+	N/A	6300+
English Boys County Finals	B	OC+6 Mon-Thurs	Team MP	Male	U18	N/A	6300+
English Disability Open	C	June (3 days)	36 Hole SP	Male/ Female	N/A	36.4	M – White/Yellow F - Red

Note: Additionally, England Golf may be appointed the running of a European Golf Association (EGA) championship. The time of year, type and duration of the championship varies dependant on the championship in question. These will be regarded as Cat A championships. England Golf will contact a suitable host venue as part of the bidding process for hosting the championship. England Golf will typically host an EGA championship every 2/3 years.

Appendix 2

Handicap Events

	Cat A/B/C/D	OC +/- (incl practice days)	Format	Gender	Age	HI Limit	Course Yardage
England Women's Regional Medal Finals x 6 (North, Midland North, Midlands South, East, South West, South)	C	Various May – July (1 day)	18 Hole Stableford	Female	N/A	54	Red
England Golf Captains x 8	D	Various May – July (1 day)	18 Hole Stableford	Male/ Female	N/A	54	M – Whites/Yellows F - Reds
Senior Series x 8 (in conjunction with England Golf Captains)	D	Various May – July (1 day)	18 Hole Stableford	Male/ Female	50+	54	M – Whites/Yellows F - Reds