



COMPETITOR INFORMATION

THE 148TH OPEN REGIONAL QUALIFYING COUNTY LOUTH

FORMAT OF PLAY

To determine who qualifies to compete at Final Qualifying, separate Regional Qualifying competitions of 18 holes will be played by stroke play on Monday 24 June 2019 at 13 venues throughout Great Britain & Ireland.

DRAW

The draw will be emailed to all Regional Qualifying competitors on Thursday 6 June. Please ensure you check the venue you have been allocated. Play will be in 3 balls from 07:00.

REGISTRATION

Players are not required to register at Regional Qualifying. Please report to the 1st tee at least 10 minutes before your tee time.

WITHDRAWALS

Competitors who wish to withdraw from Regional Qualifying must do so, in writing, as soon as possible by contacting Jonathan Tippetts-Aylmer (Entries Manager), The R&A;

Email: - jta@randa.org

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Complimentary practice times are available for competitors only during the following times:

- Friday 21 June: 07:30-08:30 & 15:00-16:00.
- Sunday 24 June: 10:00-14:00.

All players must book a practice round by calling the reception desk on 00353 41 988 1530 (option 1). Players must also register in the Professional Shop before commencing their practice round.

Tee times outside of these times are at the discretion of the club.

Please Note: Only one ball may be played during practice rounds with the following exception: If a player misses the green with their approach shot, they may play one additional shot.

Play from any protected areas on tees is prohibited.

PRACTICE FACILITIES

The driving range in front of the clubhouse will be restricted to irons only. Range balls will be provided free of charge. Players wishing to hit fairway woods and drivers will be asked to use the range located between the 2nd and 16th holes (players must provide their own balls at this facility).

The driving range will be open an hour before the first tee time on Monday 24 June.

Additional facilities include a driving range net, a short game area and a practice putting green.



QUALIFYING PLACES (including Play-Off)

You will be advised of the minimum number of places available into Final Qualifying at your course on the day of the competition. The guaranteed number of places available into Final Qualifying will not be published until all golfers have tee'd off at all 13 venues.

Any ties for the last qualifying spot will be decided by a hole by hole play-off immediately following play. The Play-Off will be contested over holes 1, 2 & 9 until a result is determined (subject to change).

FQ RESERVES (Card Count Back)

To cover withdrawals from the Final Qualifying competitions, reserves will be nominated from the Regional Qualifying competitions. The order of reserves will be decided by a card count back. This uses, in order, the 9 holes or last 6 or 3 or 2 or 1 hole of the back nine, and, if a tie still arises, the 9 holes or last 6 or 3 or 2 or 1 hole of the front nine. If after that a tie still exists, the order will be established by the drawing of lots.

PLAYER FACILITIES

The Clubhouse and Professional Shop will be open an hour before the first tee time on Monday 24 June. Players will be able to use the club's locker room.

CATERING

Breakfast will be available from an hour before the 1st tee time on Monday 24 June. Lunch will be available from 11:30. All catering is at the players own expense.

DRESS CODE

Competitors are not permitted to wear jeans. Both soft and metal spiked golf shoes are not permitted in the bar or restaurant.

PRIZE MONEY

The prize fund at regional qualifying is as follows;

1 st	£800
2 nd	£600
3 rd	£400

Note 1: Should an amateur competitor win a Regional Qualifying competition, they will receive a memento from The R&A.

Note 2: Should an amateur golfer finish in the top 3, the respective prize money will be paid to the next place professional golfer(s). Payment will be made to competitors following The 148th Open.

TRAVEL

Please follow the AA road signage to County Louth Golf Club. Players, Caddies and Officials will only be allowed to park in the club car park.

The nearest airport is Dublin (29.2 miles).

The nearest train station is Drogheda MacBride (4.9 miles).



TROLLEYS & CADDIES

Pull trolleys will be available to hire from the Professional Shop free of charge. These will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. There are no electric trolleys available for hire.

If players wish to request a caddy they must do so in advance directly with clubhouse reception 00353 41 988 1530 (option 1).

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (including trolleys with built in devices)

Distance Measuring Devices are permitted under rule 4.3. For additional guidance on permissible and non-permissible Distance Measuring Devices, see <http://www.randa.org/en/Equipment/Distance-Measuring-Devices.aspx>

If you have any queries, please contact the Championship Office at your respective venue.

NOTE: DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT FINAL QUALIFYING AND THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP ITSELF.

YARDAGE BOOKS

Yardage books are not available for purchase. Players may download the free 'ClubNet' app (https://golfgraffix.com/ClubNet_App.html).

The app can be downloaded on either apple or android devices:

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/clubnet/id1313872344?mt=8>

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=golfgraffix.com.clublink&hl=en_GB

QUALIFIERS & RESERVE INFORMATION

All qualifiers and reserves for Final Qualifying will be emailed details of their course, starting time or reserve number by Wednesday 26 June. The starting field for each FQ venue will also be posted on www.TheOpen.com by that day. Should you have not received the necessary information by Friday 28 June, please contact Jonathan Tippetts-Aylmer (Entries Manager), The R&A on Tel: 01334 460000.

The reserve numbers, allocated after RQ, will be retained in the event of withdrawals until 09.00 on Monday 1 July after which, all unallocated reserves will be given a new reserve number for a designated FQ course.

Any reserve who has not been allocated a spot in FQ by 09.00 on Monday 1 July, should telephone The R&A Entries Department on 01334 460000 at which time they will be informed of his new reserve number and FQ course.

A reserve may play a practice round at their designated course but must tee off before the last tee time from the 1st Tee.

CONTACT DETAILS

R&A Entries Department: 01334 460000

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