



COMPETITOR INFORMATION

THE 148TH OPEN REGIONAL QUALIFYING MINCHINHAMPTON (COMPOSITE COURSE)

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

You 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

COURSE LAYOUT

The tournament will be played over a composite course of both The Cherington and Avening courses. This will consist of the following layout:

Hole	Par	Layout	Hole	Par	Layout
1	5	1 Cherington	10	4	16 Avening
2	4	2 Cherington	11	3	17 Avening
3	4	18 Cherington	12	4	9 Avening
4	3	10 Avening	13	4	1 Avening
5	5	11 Avening	14	3	2 Avening
6	4	12 Avening	15	4	3 Avening
7	3	13 Avening	16	4	7 Avening
8	4	14 Avening	17	5	8 Avening
9	4	15 Avening	18	5	18 Avening
In	36		Out	36	
			Total	72	

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Complimentary practice times are available for Competitors (only) during the following times:

- Sunday 23 June: 09:00-14:00. Composite layout will be available.

Practice out with the aforementioned times are at the complete discretion of Minchinhampton. Please note that due to the composite layout practice rounds may not be available for the championship layout (i.e holes may have to be missed out).



All players must book a practice round by contacting Tom Sheffield (Golf Events Coordinator) on +44 (0)1453 833866 or email t.sheffield@mgcnew.co.uk Players must also register in the Professional Shop before commencing their practice round.

Please Note:

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

Play from any protected areas on tees is prohibited.

PRACTICE FACILITIES

Two driving ranges will be available. The driving range next to the clubhouse is an Irons Only facility. A temporary full-length driving range located on 3rd hole of the Cherington Course will be made available for those wishing to hit woods and drivers on Monday only (please leave 15 minutes to walk to this facility). Practice balls will be supplied to competitors for both facilities on Monday 24 June.

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

There is also a net available for driving clubs near the first tee. A short game practice facility located near the clubhouse/practice ground and a practice putting green located in front of the clubhouse.

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 teed 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 & 3 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

Soft and metal spiked golf shoes are not permitted in the clubhouse bar and lounge area (upstairs).

PRIZE MONEY

The prize fund at regional qualifying is as follows;

- 1st £800
- 2nd £600
- 3rd £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 Minchinhampton. Please use post code: **GL8 8SB**. If using Google maps please use Minchinhampton Golf Club **NOT** Minchinhampton Old Course

The nearest airport is Bristol (38.8 miles).

The nearest train station is Stroud (3.6 miles).

TROLLEYS

Pull trolleys will be available to hire from the Professional Shop free of charge.

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.

Club yardage books will be available for purchase from the professional shop.

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: +44 (0)1334 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 +44 (0)1334 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: +44 (0)1334 460000

Minchinhampton Golf Club: +44 (0)1453 833866

Professional Shop: +44 (0)1453 837351

Address: Minchinhampton Golf Club, New Courses, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 9BE. (Please use post code: **GL8 8SB**. If using Google maps please use Minchinhampton Golf Club **NOT** Minchinhampton Old Course).