

15-18 July 2021

Closing date for all entries - Thursday 20 May 2021

**A. TERMS**

- (1) The 149th Open will be decided by stroke play over four rounds of 18 holes in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and in accordance with the Local Rules approved by R&A Championships Limited (The R&A).
- (2) In the event of a tie after four rounds, the winner will be decided by a play-off by stroke play over an amount of holes to be determined by the Open Championships Committee. The player with the lowest aggregate score over the extra holes will be declared the winner. If the players are still tied having played these extra holes, a hole-by-hole play-off will be played immediately over the 18th hole only until a winner emerges. If the play-off involves more than 2 players, those other than the winner will be deemed to have tied for 2nd place regardless of their scores in the play-off.
- (3) The starting field will be 156 players. The 70 lowest scores over the first 36 holes and any tying for 70th place will qualify for the 3rd round on Saturday 17 July and the 4th round on Sunday 18 July. If a player who has posted a two round total score that will qualify for the 3rd round withdraws before or after the 3rd round draw is made, the player's score will still be used to calculate the leading 70 places and ties that will determine the cut mark.
- (4) In the event of play being either delayed or declared null and void for any round of The Open, additional play will be at the discretion of the Open Championships Committee. Additional play will take place on Monday 19 July and, exceptionally, Tuesday 20 July.
- (5) The R&A arranges publicity before, during and after The Open in the Press, by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting and filming and on digital channels. Each player agrees to make reasonable efforts during the Championship to attend press conferences and to co-operate with the media in support of The Open including, appearances for The R&A's broadcast partners. Each player, by entering The Open and thereby agreeing to these Terms, assigns to The R&A and its assignees and licensees the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, exhibit and reproduce in any way now known or hereafter devised (and to authorise others to do so) for commercial and other purposes from time to time and at their discretion, motion pictures, still pictures, live taped or filmed television, sound recordings and any other reproductions of any description of the player and/or their caddie made during or in connection with The Open (including, without limitation, during practice and play) without compensation for the player or caddie or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the player or caddie. The player also assigns to The R&A the right to use and reproduce the player's and/or caddie's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised without compensation for the player or caddie or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the player or caddie including in circumstances where it may include the logo of a third party or of a sponsor or patron of The Open or any subsequent Open Championship or any other activities undertaken by The R&A. Players will be responsible for ensuring that they hold all the necessary rights to grant the above assignments, including appropriate agreements with their caddies. Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of rights, The R&A and its assignees and licensees agree that, other than as permitted above, they will not authorise any company contractually associated with The R&A to use the player's or caddie'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 player's authorisation. Also, to

comply with certain contractual limitations relating to advertising on television, players assent that they or their caddies may not, without the prior approval of The R&A, display any commercial identification on clothing or equipment other than that customarily affixed to and of the normal size and in the normal position on any such clothing or equipment.

- (6) Players will at all times be liable for the actions of their caddies and will ensure that their caddie complies with the Terms as they apply to the players. Players will ensure that their caddies wear clothing of a type appropriate to The Open and, in particular, caddies will be required to wear The Open over-garment or bib of a type and design as will be supplied by the Open Championships Committee. Caddies will be required to wear such an over-garment or bib during official practice rounds and during The Open. Players' caddies may not wear headgear, visors or any other items of clothing which displays a logo other than The Open's official logo unless such logo represents a contract to which the player or the caddie was bound as at 31 January 2021.
- (7) All players gaining entry to The Open itself are subject to the provisions of the PGA European Tour's Anti-Doping Policy in force at the date of The Open. Details of the Policy, and the Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods, are available from The R&A. Players who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from The R&A not later than 21 days before the start of The Open.
- (8) All players gaining entry to The Open are subject to the provisions of The Open's Anti-Corruption and Betting Policy in force at the date of The Open.
- (9) All players gaining entry to The Open are subject to The R&A's Code of Conduct and any additional safety protocols relating to COVID-19 as issued to players and updated by The R&A and/or its safety advisers from time to time.
- (10) All players gaining entry to The Open are responsible for the conformity of the equipment they use and may be required to demonstrate this conformity via participation in testing (detailed below).

In addition, an information service for players will be available throughout The Open to answer any outstanding questions on the conformity of their equipment. Those players randomly selected will be notified via the official information board at The Open.

- (11) A copy of the full pace of play policy will be posted at The Open and will be available on request.
- (12) The Model Local Rules in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf are in effect for G-1 Conforming Driver Heads, G-3 Conforming Golf Balls, G-4 One Ball Condition and G-2 Groove and Punch Mark Specifications.
- (13) Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. A player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Open Championships Committee. The R&A will only consider requests for use of motorised transportation where (i) the player making the request has a disability and (ii) the need for transportation results from that disability. Any requests by a player to use any form of transportation must be made not less than 60 days in advance of the relevant qualifying competition or The Open. All requests must be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in The R&A's Transportation Policy, available on request from The R&A.
- (14) The wearing of jeans of any colour is not permitted whilst practising or competing during any stage of The Open. Shorts may be worn at Regional Qualifying and Final Qualifying and whilst practising at The Open. The Open

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Championships Committee will consider any variations to the policy in the light of extreme weather conditions.

- (15) The Open Championships Committee reserves the right to amend these Terms and the decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.
- (16) These Terms will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of Scotland.

B. THE OPEN QUALIFYING SERIES

For those entrants not exempt into The Open under section E, the qualifying procedure will be as follows:

THE OPEN QUALIFYING SERIES (OQS)

With the exception of ties for first place, which will be determined in accordance with the Terms for the tournament concerned, ties will be decided in favour of the highest ranked player in OWGR at the commencement of the tournament. If two or more players have the same OWGR, or two or more players have no OWGR, then ties will be decided by a card countback. The card countback will use the back 9 holes of the course or 6 or 3 or 2 or 1 hole and if a tie still arises, the last 6 or 3 or 2 or 1 hole of the front 9 holes of the course in the final round in OQS. If a tie still arises the same card countback will be used for the 3rd, 2nd and 1st rounds of the tournament.

- (1) **AUSTRALIA**
The leading 3 players, not already exempt, in the top 10 and ties of the 2019 Emirates Australian Open.
- (2) **SOUTH AFRICA**
The leading 3 players, not already exempt, in the top 10 and ties of the 2020 South African Open hosted by the City of Johannesburg.
- (3) **SINGAPORE**
The leading 4 players, not already exempt, in the top 12 and ties of the 2020 SMBC Singapore Open. The 2019 Asia-Pacific Amateur Champion and runner-up will receive an invitation to play in OQS Singapore.
- (4) **USA**
The leading 3 players, not exempt, in the top 10 and ties in the 2020 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.

FINAL QUALIFYING (FQ)

- (5) Separate FQ competitions of 36 holes each will be played by stroke play on Tuesday 29 June 2021 at Hollinwell (home of Notts), Prince's (Shore & Dunes), St Annes Old Links and West Lancashire.
- (6) Entrants must intimate on the online entry form their preferred (1-4) FQ courses they wish to play. Allocation of FQ courses will be at the sole discretion of The R&A.
- (7) For FQ, the field will be divided evenly between the designated courses. A minimum of 8 places will be reserved from FQ. Any player who has qualified through FQ is deemed an Exempt Player.
- (8) Ties for last qualifying places in each competition will be decided by hole by hole play-off as soon as practicable after the last players have finished play.
- (9) In the event of play being either delayed or declared null and void for either round of any FQ, additional play will be at the discretion of the Open Championships Committee.

REGIONAL QUALIFYING (RQ)

- (10) To determine qualifiers to FQ, separate RQ competitions of 18 holes each will be played by stroke play on Saturday 26 June and Sunday 27 June at Hollinwell (home of Notts), Prince's (Shore & Dunes), St Annes Old Links and West Lancashire. For 2021, entry into each RQ venue and date, will be determined by a first-come first-served basis. It may not be possible to allocate all entrants to their preferred courses. All qualifiers and reserves from each RQ venue will only play or be reserves for the same venue at FQ. In the eventuality that The R&A receive entries that exceed the maximum field size for each Regional Qualifying competitions, The R&A reserve the right to reject further entries and/or operate a waiting list.
- (11) Entrants must intimate on the online entry form which RQ courses and dates they wish to play. If the field of any of these competitions does not exceed 40, that particular competition may be cancelled and the entrants concerned required to play in another RQ. After allowing for players who fulfil the conditions under section D, the number of qualifying places available into FQ will be determined by the size of each field. Allocation of RQ courses will be at the sole discretion of The R&A.

- (12) Ties for last qualifying places in each competition will be decided by hole by hole play-off as soon as practicable after the last players finish their round.
- (13) Irrespective of play-off places, see **B.(12)**, reserve places in case of subsequent withdrawals from FQ will be decided by a card countback, if necessary, from each RQ competition. The card countback will use the back 9 holes or 6 or 3 or 2 or 1 hole and, if a tie still arises, the last 6 or 3 or 2 or 1 hole of the front 9 holes and, if a tie still arises, by the drawing of lots.
- (14) In the event of play being incomplete or declared null and void on Saturday 26 June or Sunday 27 June, the competition will continue or take place on the following day at the same venue. In the event of play being declared null and void on Sunday 27 June or Monday 28 June respectively, the competition will be cancelled and entrance fees refunded in full. No players will go forward from that competition to FQ.

C. ENTRIES

- (1) Entry into RQ will be accepted from any male professional golfer, from a male amateur golfer whose handicap index does not exceed 0.4 (SCRATCH), from a male amateur golfer who has been within WAGR™ listing 1-2,000 (see www.WAGR.com) during the period WAGR™ week 2021/01 to date of entry and from any female golfer in
 - (i) The top 5 and ties in the 2020 & 2021 ANA Inspiration.
 - (ii) The top 5 and ties in the 2020 & 2021 US Women's Open Championship. Blank entries will be made on behalf of players qualifying in this category.
 - (iii) The top 5 and ties in the 2019 & 2020 KPMG Women's PGA Championship.
 - (iv) The top 5 and ties in the 2019 & 2020 AIG Women's British Open Championship.
 - (v) The top 5 and ties in the 2019 & 2020 Evian Championship.
- (2) Entry into FQ or The Open will be accepted from any golfer who fulfils the conditions in section **D.** or section **E.** respectively.
- (3) Amateur entrants from Great Britain & Ireland will be accepted under the current World Handicap System or, from outside Great Britain & Ireland, under the handicapping scheme adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in the country from which they enter.
- (4) Amateur entrants from Great Britain & Ireland must enter through the Secretary of their Home Club. Amateur entrants from the USA will enter through their home State Association. Other amateur entrants from outside Great Britain & Ireland will enter through the Secretary of the recognised authority controlling golf in the country from which they enter.
- (5) Entries must be received by the Entries Department no later than Thursday 20 May 2021.
- (6) Entries will be accepted by the Entries Department only if the following details are provided.
 - i. Payment of Entry Fee (£150)
 - ii. Certification by the PGA, Tour or Secretary of the entrant's handicapping authority
- (7) Entrance fees will not be refunded unless intimation of withdrawal is received before the closing date for entries. An administrative charge of £20 will be deducted from all refunds.
- (8) The Open Championships Committee may require independent certified evidence of the playing ability of entrants.
- (9) All entries will be subject to the approval of the Open Championships Committee which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for a decision.
- (10) The scores and/or performances of Regional Qualifying players will be subject to review by the Open Championships Committee. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any future entry based on a player's score and/or performance in any previous Regional Qualifying competition.
- (11) The Open Championships Committee reserves the right to disqualify any player making a false statement on their entry form.

D. ENTRY AT FINAL QUALIFYING is open to:

- (1) Past Champions of The Open.
- (2) Any player with an OWGR ranking in the top 1,000 and ties on the date of entry. Note: If a player subsequently becomes exempt under **D.(2)** after entering Regional Qualifying the player must contact the Entries Department before the closing date. For 2021 a reserve list may be required if there are too many entries through this exemption. The list will be taken from all OWGR entrants in descending order from Closing Date. Any reserve list will be published on www.TheOpen.com. All reserves will be reallocated to RQ. If they do not wish to play at this level they will receive a refund.
- (3) Past Champions of The Masters Tournament, The US Open Championship and The PGA Championship.
- (4) Anyone who played in The 148th Open at Royal Portrush in 2019.
- (5) First 10 and anyone tying for 10th place in the 2019 Titleist and FootJoy PGA Professional Championship.
- (6) First 10 and anyone tying for 10th place in the 2020 PGA Professional Championship
- (7) First 10 and anyone tying for 10th place in the 2019 PGA of America Professional Championship.
- (8) Past playing members of Ryder and Presidents Cup Teams.
- (9) Playing members of the 2019 Walker Cup Teams.
- (10) Playing members of the 2021 Walker Cup Teams.
- (11) The Amateur Champions 2015-2020.
- (12) The US Amateur Champions 2014-2019.
- (13) The European Amateur Champions 2015-2020.
- (14) The 2019 & 2020 English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh Amateur Champions, from the respective closed Amateur Championships.
- (15) The runners-up in each of the 2020 & 2021 Amateur Championship, 2020 & 2021 European Amateur Championship and the 2019 & 2020 US Amateur Championship. Blank entries will be made on behalf of 2021 runners-up.
- (16) The leading 10 WAGR® ranked players, not otherwise exempt as at WAGR® Week 2021/21.
- (17) The Boys Amateur Champion 2019 & 2020.
- (18) The 2020 Latin America Amateur runner(s)-up.
- (19) The 2019 Asia-Pacific Amateur runners(s)-up. This is only applicable if the entrant has not played in the 2020 OQS Singapore.

D.(9) to D.(19) are only applicable if the entrant concerned is still an amateur on 29 June 2021.

E. PLAYERS EXEMPT FROM ALL QUALIFYING

- (1) The Open Champions aged 60 or under on 19 July 2020.
- (2) The Open Champions for 2010-2019.
- (3) First 10 and anyone tying for 10th place in The 148th Open at Royal Portrush in 2019.
- (4) The first 50 players on the OWGR for Week 21, 2021.
- (5) First 30 in the Final Race to Dubai Rankings for 2019.
- (6) First 10 in the Final Race to Dubai Rankings for 2020
- (7) The BMW PGA Championship winners for 2017-2020.

- (8) First 5 European Tour members and any European Tour members tying for 5th place, not otherwise exempt, in the top 20 of the Race to Dubai Rankings on completion of the 2021 BMW International Open.
- (9) The US Open Champions for 2016-2021. Blank entry will be made on behalf of the 2021 Champion.
- (10) The Masters Tournament Champions for 2016-2021.
- (11) The PGA Champions for 2015-2021.
- (12) THE PLAYERS Champions for 2018-2021.
- (13) Top 30 players from the Final 2019 FedExCup Points List.
- (14) Top 10 players from the Final 2020 FedExCup Points List.
- (15) First 5 PGA TOUR members and any PGA TOUR members tying for 5th place, not exempt in the top 20 of the PGA TOUR FedExCup Points List for 2021 on completion of the 2021 Travelers Championship.
- (16) The 114 VISA Open de Argentina 2019 Champion.
- (17) Playing members of the 2019 Presidents Cup Teams.
- (18) First and anyone tying for 1st place on the Final Order of Merit of the Asian Tour for 2019.
- (19) First and anyone tying for 1st place on the Final Order of Merit of the PGA Tour of Australasia for 2019 & 2020.
- (20) First and anyone tying for 1st place on the Final Order of Merit of the Sunshine Tour for 2019 & 2020.
- (21) The Japan Open Champion for 2019 & 2020.
- (22) The Asia-Pacific Diamond Cup Champion for 2020 & 2021.
- (23) First 2 and anyone tying for 2nd place, on the Final Official Money List of the Japan Golf Tour for 2019.
- (24) First two, not already exempt, in the 2021 Mizuno Open. Blank entry will be made on behalf of the golfers. In case of ties for places, please see explanation in B. THE OPEN QUALIFYING SERIES (OQS) on Page 2.
- (25) The Senior Open Champion for 2019.
- (26) The Amateur Champion for 2020 & 2021. Blank entry will be made on behalf of the 2021 Champion.
- (27) The US Amateur Champion for 2019 & 2020.
- (28) The European Amateur Champion for 2020 & 2021. Blank entry will be made on behalf of the 2021 Champion.
- (29) The Mark H McCormack Medal (Men's WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING®) winner for 2019 & 2020.
- (30) The Asia-Pacific Amateur Champion 2019.
- (31) The Latin America Amateur Champion 2020.

E.(26) to E.(31) are only applicable if the entrant concerned is still an amateur on 15 July 2021.

F. THE STARTING FIELD

In the event of an exempt player withdrawing from The Open or further places becoming available in the starting field after close of entries, the Open Championships Committee may at its discretion allocate these places to OQS/FQ players and/or in ranking order of entrants from OWGR at the time that such places become available. Any withdrawals following issue of OWGR Week 27 will be taken in ranking order from OWGR Week 27.

If a player, having entered, withdraws or otherwise fails to play in any round of any qualifying event, without satisfactory explanation, the Open Championships Committee reserves the right to reject an entry into The Open from that player in any subsequent year or years.

G. REGISTRATION

Players must register at the course where they are playing by 2pm BST on the day prior to the start of the competition. A player's place may be forfeited if contact has not been made by the stipulated time.

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Players must register at Royal St George's between 7am BST on Sunday 11 July and 6pm BST on Tuesday 13 July 2021. If unable to register in person, a player may indicate their time of arrival and address for the duration of The Open by telephone or e-mail to be received before 6pm BST on Tuesday 13 July. Telephone calls must be received at the Championship Office. A player's place may be forfeited if contact has not been made by the stipulated time.

H. PRIZES

The winner will be the Champion Golfer of the Year and will receive The Claret Jug, which will be held for that year, and the Championship Gold Medal. The winner will also receive a replica for retention. Conditions applicable to The Claret Jug, the Championship Gold Medal and the provision of the replica trophy will be intimated to the winner by The R&A. The winner will be entitled to use The Claret Jug for promotional purposes with commercial partners, provided always that the winner notifies The R&A in advance and such use will not be excessive, and will be in good taste and respectful of the tradition and prestige of The Open. In addition, the winner agrees to keep The R&A informed of any other proposed public use of The Claret Jug. As the owner of all intellectual property rights in and to The Claret Jug, The R&A may, at its sole discretion, deem any commercial use of The Claret Jug to be unsuitable, and in such event the winner will ensure that such use is discontinued. The winner will return The Claret Jug in person to the Chief Executive of The R&A at a date, time and place required by The R&A. The runner(s)-up will receive a Silver Salver. The leading amateur in The Open, unless the winner, will receive a Silver Medal on completion of 72 holes. Other amateurs who complete 72 holes will each receive a Bronze Medal. Prize money will be allocated to professional golfers. If an amateur golfer wins The Open, the 1st place prize money will be allocated, proportionately, to the professional golfers who make the cut. Players who are disqualified or withdraw from The Open at any stage or for any reason will forfeit all prize money. The Open Championships Committee, at its discretion, may waive or otherwise amend this Term.

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If more than 70 professional golfers qualify for the final two rounds, additional prize money will be added.

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