

18-21 July 2019

Closing date for all entries - 30 May 2019




A. TERMS

- (1) The 148th 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.
- (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 Championship Committee – Professional Events.
The competitor with the lowest aggregate over the extra holes will be declared the winner. If the competitors 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 competitors, 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 competitors. The 70 lowest scores over the first 36 holes and any tying for 70th place will qualify for the 3rd round on Saturday 20 July and the 4th round on Sunday 21 July. If a competitor 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 competitor'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 Championship Committee - Professional Events. Additional play will take place on Monday 22 July and exceptionally Tuesday 23 July.
- (5) R&A Championships Limited arranges publicity before and during The Open in the Press and by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting and filming and on the Internet. Each competitor by entering The Open and by agreeing to these Terms assigns to R&A Championships Limited 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 competitor made during or in connection with The Open (including, without limitation, during practice and play) without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor. The competitor also assigns the right to use and reproduce the competitor's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised by R&A Championships Limited for the purpose of promoting The Open and any subsequent Open Championships, without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor 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 R&A Championships Limited. Competitors will be responsible for ensuring that their caddies will assign to R&A Championships Limited and its successors and licensees equivalent rights in relation to the caddie. Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of rights, R&A Championships Limited and its assignees and licensees agree that, other than as permitted above, they will not authorise any company contractually associated with R&A Championships Limited to use the competitor'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 competitor's authorisation. Also, to comply with certain contractual limitations relating to advertising on television, competitors assent that they or their caddies may not, without the prior approval of R&A Championships Limited, 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. The winner will be entitled to use The Claret Jug for promotional purposes with commercial

partners, provided always that the winner notifies R&A Championships Limited 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 R&A Championships Limited 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 Chief Executive.

- (6) Competitors will at all times be liable for the actions of their caddies and will ensure that the caddies comply with the Terms as they apply to the competitors. Competitors 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 Championship Committee - Professional Events. Caddies will be required to wear such an over-garment or bib during official practice rounds and during The Open. Competitors' 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 competitor was bound at the commencing date of The Open or an existing contract to which the caddie was bound as at 31 January 2019.
- (7) All competitors 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 R&A Championships Limited. Competitors who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from R&A Championships Limited not later than 21 days before the start of The Open.
- (8) All competitors gaining entry into The Open are subject to the provisions of The Open Championship's Anti-Gaming Policy in force at the date of The Open. Details of the policy are available from R&A Championships Limited.
- (9) All competitors gaining entry into 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).
They should confirm, in advance, of the conformity to the Rules and the additional Terms in effect. Testing will be performed on clubs used by randomly selected competitors, during the practice days for the Championship. This testing may include analysis of the spring-like effect and groove rules. In addition, an information service for competitors will be available throughout the Championship to answer any outstanding questions on the conformity of their equipment. Those competitors randomly selected will be notified via the official information board at Royal Portrush.
- (10) A copy of the full pace of play policy will be posted at each Championship venue and will be available on request.
- (11) The Model Local Rules in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf are in effect for Conforming Driver Heads, Conforming Golf Balls, One Ball Condition and Groove and Punch Mark Specifications.
- (12) Competitors must not ride on any form of transportation during a round unless authorised by the Championship Committee - Professional Events.
- (13) 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 Championship Committee – Professional Events will consider any variations to the policy in the light of extreme weather conditions.
- (14) The Championship Committee - Professional Events reserves the right to amend these Terms and the decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.
- (15) These Terms will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of Scotland.

THE OPEN QUALIFYING SERIES - VENUES



- 1 AUSTRALIA**
Emirates Australian Open
- 2 SOUTH AFRICA**
South African Open hosted by the City of Johannesburg
- 3 SINGAPORE**
SMBC Singapore Open
- 4 JAPAN**
Mizuno Open
- 5 KOREA**
KOLON Korea Open
- 6 SPAIN, IRELAND & SCOTLAND**
Andalucia Valderrama Masters
Dubai Duty Free Irish Open
Aberdeen Standard Investments Scottish Open
- 7 USA**
Arnold Palmer Invitational hosted by Mastercard
The Rocket Mortgage Classic
John Deere Classic
- 8 CANADA**
The RBC Canadian Open

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 competitor in OWGR at the commencement of the tournament. If two or more competitors have the same OWGR, or two or more competitors 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 competitors, not already exempt, in the top 10 and ties of the 2018 Emirates Australian Open.
- (2) SOUTH AFRICA**
The leading 3 competitors, not already exempt, in the top 10 and ties of the 2018 South African Open hosted by the City of Johannesburg.
- (3) SINGAPORE**
The leading 4 competitors, not already exempt, in the top 12 and ties of the 2019 SMBC Singapore Open. The 2018 Asia-Pacific Amateur Champion and runner-up will receive an invitation to play in OQS Singapore.
- (4) JAPAN**
The leading 4 competitors, not exempt, in the top 12 and ties of the 2019 Mizuno Open. Blank entries will be made on behalf of competitors qualifying in this category.
- (5) KOREA**
The leading 2 competitors, not exempt, in the top 8 and ties of the 2019 KOLON Korean Open. Blank entries will be made on behalf of competitors qualifying in this category.
- (6) SPAIN, IRELAND & SCOTLAND**
The leading 3 competitors, not exempt, in the top 10 and ties in the 2019 Andalucia Valderrama Masters, 2019 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open and 2019 Aberdeen Standard Investments Scottish Open. Blank entries will be made on behalf of competitors qualifying in this category.

(7) USA

The leading 3 competitors, not exempt, in the top 10 and ties in each of the 2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard and 2019 The Rocket Mortgage Classic. The leading competitor, not exempt, in the top 5 and ties in the 2019 The John Deere Classic. Blank entries will be made on behalf of competitors qualifying in this category.

(8) CANADA

The leading 3 competitors, not exempt, in the top 10 and ties of the 2019 RBC Canadian Open. Blank entries will be made on behalf of competitors qualifying in this category.

FINAL QUALIFYING (FQ)

- (9)** Separate FQ competitions of 36 holes each will be played by stroke play on Tuesday 2 July 2019 at Fairmont St Andrews, Notts (Hollinwell), Prince's (The Shore & The Dunes) and St Annes Old Links.
- (10)** Entrants must intimate on the online entry form their preferred (1-4) FQ courses they wish to play.
- (11)** For FQ, the field will be divided evenly between the designated courses. 12 places will be reserved from FQ for The Open and these will also be divided equally. Any competitor who has qualified through FQ is deemed an Exempt Competitor.
- (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 competitors have finished play.
- (13)** 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 Championship Committee.

REGIONAL QUALIFYING (RQ)

- (14)** To determine qualifiers to FQ, separate RQ competitions of 18 holes each will be played by stroke play on Monday 24 June 2019 at Alwoodley, Berwick-upon-Tweed (Goswick), Burhill – New Course, County Louth, Fairhaven, Frilford Heath – Red Course, Kedleston Park, Minchinhampton (composite), Northamptonshire County, Panmure, Sandy Lodge, West Lancashire and Wildernesse. If the entry exceeds the number that can be accommodated at these courses, additional courses may be added. It may not be possible to allocate all entrants to their preferred courses.
- (15)** Entrants must intimate on the online entry form which RQ courses 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 competitors who fulfil the conditions under section D, the number of qualifying places available into FQ will be determined by the size of each field.

- (16) Ties for last qualifying places in each competition will be decided by hole by hole play-off as soon as practicable after the last competitors finish their round.
- (17) Irrespective of play-off places, see **B.(16)**, 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 second 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 first 9 holes and, if a tie still arises, by the drawing of lots.
- (18) In the event of play being incomplete or declared null and void on Monday 24 June, the competition will continue or take place on Tuesday 25 June at the same venue. In the event of play being declared null and void on Tuesday 25 June, the competition will be cancelled and entrance fees refunded in full. No competitors 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 playing handicap 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 2019/01 to date of entry and from any female golfer in
 - (i) The top 5 and ties in the 2019 ANA Inspiration.
 - (ii) The top 5 and ties in the 2019 US Women's Open Championship. Blank entries will be made on behalf of competitors qualifying in this category.
 - (iii) The top 5 and ties in the 2018 KPMG Women's PGA Championship.
 - (iv) The top 5 and ties in the 2018 RICOH Women's British Open Championship.
 - (v) The top 5 and ties in the 2018 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 CONGU handicapping scheme 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 30 May 2019.
- (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
 - iii. Completed Club Information Form (only applicable to Regional Qualifying entrants) or box ticked to indicate that your Clubs are all post-2010 models.
- (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 Championship Committee - Professional Events may require independent certified evidence of the playing ability of entrants.

- (9) All entries will be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee - Professional Events 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 competitors will be subject to Championship Committee - Professional Events review. 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 Championship Committee - Professional Events reserves the right to disqualify any competitor making a false statement on their entry form.

D. ENTRY AT FINAL QUALIFYING is open to:

- (1) Past Champions of The Open.
- (2) Any competitor 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.
- (3) Past Champions of The Masters Tournament, The US Open Championship and The PGA Championship.
- (4) Anyone who played in The 147th Open at Carnoustie in 2018.
- (5) First 10 and anyone tying for 10th place in the 2018 Titleist and FootJoy PGA Professional Championship.
- (6) First 10 and anyone tying for 10th place in the 2018 PGA of America Professional Championship.
- (7) Past playing members of Ryder and Presidents Cup Teams.
- (8) Playing members of the 5 leading teams and ties in the 2018 Eisenhower Trophy.
- (9) Playing members of the 2018 St Andrews Trophy Teams.
- (10) The Amateur Champions 2014-2018.
- (11) The US Amateur Champions 2013-2017.
- (12) The European Amateur Champions 2014-2018.
- (13) The 2018 English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh Amateur Champions, from the respective closed Amateur Championships.
- (14) The runners-up in each of the 2019 Amateur Championship and 2019 European Amateur Championship, for whom a blank entry will be made and the 2018 US Amateur Championship.
- (15) The leading 10 WAGR™ ranked players, not otherwise exempt as at WAGR™ Week 21.
- (16) The Boys Amateur Champion 2018.
- (17) The 2019 Latin America Amateur Champion and runner(s)-up.
- (18) The 2018 Asia-Pacific Amateur runners(s)-up. This is only applicable if the entrant has not played in the 2019 OQS Singapore.

D.(8) to D.(18) are only applicable if the entrant concerned is still an amateur on 2 July 2019.

E. COMPETITORS EXEMPT FROM ALL QUALIFYING

- (1) The Open Champions aged 60 or under on 21 July 2019.
- (2) The Open Champions for 2009-2018.
- (3) First 10 and anyone tying for 10th place in The 147th Open at Carnoustie in 2018.
- (4) The first 50 players on the OWGR for Week 21, 2019.
- (5) First 30 in the Final Race to Dubai Rankings for 2018.
- (6) The BMW PGA Championship winners for 2016-2018.
- (7) 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 2019 BMW International Open.

- (8) The US Open Champions for 2015-2019. Blank entry will be made on behalf of the 2019 Champion.
- (9) The Masters Tournament Champions for 2015-2019.
- (10) The PGA Champions for 2014-2019.
- (11) THE PLAYERS Champions for 2017-2019.
- (12) Top 30 players from the Final 2018 FedExCup Points List.
- (13) 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 2019 on completion of the 2019 Travelers Championship.
- (14) The 113 VISA Open de Argentina 2018 Champion.
- (15) Playing members of the 2018 Ryder Cup Teams.
- (16) First and anyone tying for 1st place on the Final Order of Merit of the Asian Tour for 2018.
- (17) First and anyone tying for 1st place on the Final Order of Merit of the PGA Tour of Australasia for 2018.
- (18) First and anyone tying for 1st place on the Final Order of Merit of the Sunshine Tour for 2018.
- (19) The Japan Open Champion for 2018.
- (20) The Asia-Pacific Diamond Cup Champion for 2019.
- (21) First 2 and anyone tying for 2nd place, on the Final Official Money List of the Japan Golf Tour for 2018.
- (22) First and anyone tying for 1st place, not exempt in a cumulative money list taken from all official 2019 Japan Golf Tour events up to and including the 2019 Japan Tour Championship. Blank entries will be made on behalf of competitors qualifying in this category.
- (23) The Senior Open Champion for 2018.
- (24) The Amateur Champion for 2019. Blank entry will be made on behalf of the Champion.
- (25) The US Amateur Champion for 2018.
- (26) The European Amateur Champion for 2019. Blank entry will be made on behalf of the Champion.
- (27) The Mark H McCormack Medal (Men's WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING™) winner for 2018.
- (28) The Asia-Pacific Amateur Champion 2018.

E.(24) to E.(28) are only applicable if the entrant concerned is still an amateur on 18 July 2019.

F. THE STARTING FIELD

In the event of an exempt competitor withdrawing from The Open or further places becoming available in the starting field after close of entries, these places will be allocated in ranking order of entrants from OWGR at the time that intimation of withdrawal is received or further places are made available by the Championship Committee - Professional Events. Any withdrawals following issue of OWGR Week 27 will be taken in ranking order from OWGR Week 27.

If a competitor, having entered, withdraws or otherwise fails to play in any round of any qualifying event, without satisfactory explanation,

the Committee reserves the right to reject an entry into The Open from that competitor in any subsequent year or years.

G. REGISTRATION

FQ

Competitors must register at the course where they are playing by 2pm BST on the day prior to the start of the competition. If unable to register in person, competitors may indicate their time of arrival and address for the duration of the competition to the Committee at the venue at which they are playing by telephone or e-mail to be received before 2pm BST on the day prior to the start of the competition. The Committee must receive telephone calls personally. A competitor's place may be forfeited if contact has not been made by the stipulated time.

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Competitors must register at Royal Portrush between 7am BST on Sunday 14 July and 6pm BST on Tuesday 16 July 2019. If unable to register in person, a competitor 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 16 July. Telephone calls must be received at the Championship Office. A competitor'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 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 Championship, the 1st place prize money will be allocated, proportionately, to the professional golfers who make the cut. Competitors who are disqualified or withdraw from the Championship at any stage or for any reason will forfeit all prize money. The Championship Committee - Professional Events at its total discretion may waive or otherwise amend this Term. If an amateur golfer wins any qualifying competition, he will receive a memento after the Championship.

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

FQ

In each competition, prize money will be allocated to the first three places.

RQ

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MARTIN SLUMBERS Chief Executive
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