



PLAYER ADVANCE INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & ENTRY FORM

The criteria for entry and conditions for players wishing to compete in the 2017 Championship are available for download from www.randa.org from February 1st 2017. Entries must be submitted online via The R&A website by 23:59hrs GMT on Tuesday 4th July, 2017. Late entries will not be accepted.

REGISTRATION

All exempt and successful qualifiers must register for the Championship with The R&A at the Players' Registration Desk, located in the Clubhouse. The Registration Desk will be open from 12:00 noon on Sunday 30th July.

Players must register by no later than 12.00 noon on Wednesday 2nd August.

Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for the Championship, including the Pace of Play procedures, will be given to Players at Registration. Please read these carefully and if you have any queries please contact the R&A Championship Office.

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Trish Wilson – Chairman, LGU

Johnnie Cole Hamilton - Executive Director – Championships, The R&A

Ross Hallett – Vice President, IMG /IMG Tournament Director

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Mr Jake Yamashita – Director Corporate Executive Vice President, Ricoh Company Ltd

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Ricki Lasky – Vice President, Tournament Business Affairs, LPGA

ACCOMMODATION SERVICE

It is highly recommended that you book your accommodation as early as possible.

The Championship offers an Accommodation Booking & Information Service **TO ALL PLAYERS**. Details can be found on the players' secure area on www.ricohwomensbritishopen.com or email sales@itssotravel.com or by phone +44 1480 270370 . Players will need a code to access the secure area on the Championship website and this will be emailed at the time of entry.

TRANSPORTATION

A courtesy car / transportation service will be operational throughout the Championship. The courtesy car service commences on the afternoon of Saturday 29th July, 2017.

IMPORTANT - please note:

1. The courtesy car service is primarily for the use of exempt and successful qualified Players only, plus Player Guests and Caddies travelling at the same time in a single vehicle.
2. The courtesy car will service Edinburgh and Dundee Airports only, plus local hotels within a 25 mile radius of Kingsbarns Golf Links. A coach service will service Glasgow Airport pick ups – subject to demand.
3. Subject to demand a coach service may be provided to cover Glasgow Airport arrivals.
4. Subject to demand a limited coach service will be provided for players participating in Final Qualifying from Glasgow and Edinburgh Airports.
5. The LGU and IMG reserve the right to provide coaches or mini buses for large groups where necessary.

6. During the Championship the courtesy car service will operate from two hours prior to the first tee time for those teeing off first until one hour after the last putt.
7. Reservations must be made in advance, especially early morning pickups.
8. Please do not email during Championship week (Monday – Monday), all reservations must be made in person or by phone
9. Courtesy Cars are NOT available for dinner and restaurant drop-offs and pick-ups in the evening

Advance reservations – please email full details of arrival time, flight number, number of passengers and luggage to rwbo@bespokeeventteam.com

PLAYERS' LOUNGE

The Players' Lounge will be available to every exempt and qualified Player plus up to two Player's Guests and one caddie per player.

PRACTICE

Sunday 30 th July	CLOSED (Players can walk the course)
Monday 31 st July	Between 07:30 and 17:00 from the 1 st tee only
Tuesday 1 st August	No practice available due to the Championship Pro Am competition
Wednesday 2 nd August	Between 07:00 and 15:30 from the 1 st tee only

Tee times can be booked by contacting The R&A Championship Office on site at Kingsbarns Golf Links from Friday 28 July.

YARDAGE BOOKS

Yardage books will be available from The R&A Championship Office from Sunday 30th July. Books are provided to caddies and players with the compliments of the Championship. Players may purchase a yardage book for the Pre-Qualifying and Final Qualifying stages.

PRACTICE GROUND

Titleist practice balls will be provided for players.

The Practice Ground will open and close as follows.

Sunday 30 th July	09:00-19:00
Monday 31 st July	06:30-19:00
Tuesday 1 st August	06:30-19:00
Wednesday 2 nd August	06:30-19:00
Thursday 3 rd August	05:30-20:00
Friday 4 th August	05:30-20:00
Saturday 5 th August	05:30#-20:00
Sunday 6 th August	06:00#-14:00.

or 1 hour before the start of play; whichever is sooner.

STARTING

Play will be in three balls on the first two days and two balls on the final two days. The Championship draw will be available at the course from approximately 12.00 noon on Tuesday 1st August and will be posted on the Players' Notice Board in the Locker Room and on www.ricohwomensbritishopen.com. Copies will be available from The R&A Championship Office.

CONDITIONS OF CHAMPIONSHIP

Your attention is drawn to the following conditions:

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect for Driving Clubs, Conforming Golf Balls and the One Ball Condition.

The specimen condition in Decision 4-1/1 of Decisions on the Rules of Golf is in effect for Grooves and Punch Marks (including at all qualifying stages).

CLUB TESTING

The R&A will provide a club testing service for all players located at the Practice Range Monday to Wednesday.

In addition Competitors should be aware that Players will be selected at random for testing of their driver and will be notified at Registration. Players will be required to take their driver to the Club Testing facility at the Practice Range at the designated day /time.

CADDIES

All players are required to use a caddie on all four days of the Championship. The use of trolleys / caddie cars is not permitted.

Caddies are the sole responsibility of the player employing them. Caddies must not wear spike sole shoes. Caddies will be issued with smocks on the tee (including Pro-Am day). Caddie smocks must be worn at all times during play.

Any players requiring a local caddie for the Championship should contact:
Josh Anderson, Caddie Master at Kingsbarns Golf Links Tel: +44 (0)1334 460860.

PRIZE PRESENTATION

The prize presentation will take place immediately after the completion of play. The Winner and the Leading Amateur (making the cut) **must** attend the ceremony.

TIES

In the event of a tie for the Championship after four rounds, the players who tie shall play a hole by hole play-off to determine the Champion. Conditions of the play-off will be posted on the Championship Notice Board during the event.

ABANDONMENT OF PLAY

In the event of play having to be abandoned the Championship Committee reserves the right to conclude the Championship on Monday 7th August, 2017.

ALTERNATES

Four alternates will be determined through places in the Final Qualifying stage. They may be requested to take the place of any qualified player that withdraws after Friday 28th July 2017 and prior to the start of the Championship. No expenses will be paid.

DRESS CODE

A reasonable standard of dress is required at all times.

LOCKERS

The Championship Locker Room in the Player Pavilion will be made available to Players from Sunday 30th July.

BAG STORAGE

Bag storage will be available within the Player Pavilion.

TICKETS

Each Player will receive a Player's Badge, two Player's Guest badges and a Caddie badge. Each player may request, a maximum of 6 complimentary ground passes.

PRO-AM PROFESSIONALS

A Pro-Am Tournament will be held on Tuesday 1st August, 2017. **All Professionals entering the Championship will be expected to play, if required.** Players requested to play will be notified in advance.

WEBSITE

On confirmation of entry The R&A will send players a password which allows access to the Competitors Area of the website (found under Players) where you will find further Championship information, along with information on accommodation.

www.ricohwomensbritishopen.com

WELLNESS CENTRE

A complimentary Wellness Centre comprising of a fully equipped gym will be located on site, adjacent to the Player Pavilion.

Physiotherapists will be located in this area and available from Monday afternoon until the end of the Championship.

These services are available to all exempt and fully qualified players.

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