

SOUTH OF ENGLAND OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
Walton Heath Golf Club
24th – 26th July 2012

1. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- (a) The Championship shall be played by Stroke Play over 72 holes in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R & A Rules Limited and such Local Rules as shall be approved by the Championship Committee.
- (b) The winner of the Championship shall be the competitor who returns the lowest score for 72 holes. In the event of a tie for first place the Championship shall be decided by a "sudden death" play-off, which shall take place immediately over the 1st hole of the Old Course until a winner emerges. In the event of a tie for other places the count-out formula will be applied.
- (c) Entry will be limited to 144 competitors. The first 36 holes will be played over the Old and New Courses, competitors playing one round on each course. The 40 lowest scores and ties over these 36 holes will qualify for the final 36 holes to be played over the New Course in the morning and the Old Course in the afternoon of Thursday, 26th July. The remaining competitors will be eliminated.
- (d) In the event of a competitor having to scratch after the closing date his entry fee will not be refunded.
- (e) Scratchings will not be accepted at any time unless confirmed by letter, fax or email.
- (f) The ball the player uses shall be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls, a copy of which will be available at the Tournament Office.
Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification.
- (g) The clubs the player uses shall conform to the Rules of Golf. Particular attention is drawn to the Rules relating to "Driving Clubs" as defined by R&A Rules Limited.
Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification.
It is the player's responsibility to ensure that his clubs conform.
- (h) The Competitor shall start at the time laid down by the Committee.
Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification.
- (i) The Championship will be under the charge of the Championship Committee to whom all disputes will be referred and whose decision shall be final.
- (j) Drugs - A competitor must not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his performance. Any competitor infringing this condition or, if asked to do so, refusing to take a test may be disqualified. Attention is drawn to the list of proscribed drugs issued by Sport England.
- (k) During the stipulated round, a competitor may not use a motorised vehicle unless specifically authorised by the Committee.
Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification.
- (l) Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7). In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and, in the case of 2nd or subsequent groups out of position. The time allowed will be determined by the Championship Committee and will be published and distributed to all competitors.
- (m) A competitor is not permitted to withdraw at any stage of the Championship except for emergency reasons or medical circumstances explained to and deemed acceptable by the Championship Committee.
- (n) The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any Competitor making a false statement on his Entry Form.

2. QUALIFICATION

To be eligible entrants must be male at birth and of Amateur Status as defined by R & A Rules Limited, a declaration to that effect being in the Entry Form, be in possession of a handicap NOT EXCEEDING ONE STROKE (exact 1.4) under the current CONGU SSS & Handicapping Scheme or the handicapping scheme adopted in the country from which the entrant has entered on the date that the Entry Form is certified by the Secretary of the entrant's Home Club, State Association or National Union, Federation or Association.

3. ENTRIES

- (a) All entries must be made on the Official Entry Form, or a facsimile thereof, duly completed and signed personally by the entrant, which must be received, together with the stipulated Entry Fee, on or before the stipulated closing date for entries. All entries will be acknowledged.
- (b) The Entry Fee is £60.00 which may be paid by Credit / Debit Card or by cheque payable to Walton Heath Golf Club.
- (c) Competitors entering from Great Britain and Ireland must enter through the Secretary of the Golf Club from which they elect to enter. Competitors entering from the USA must enter through their home State Association. Other competitors entering from overseas must enter through the Secretary of the recognised Authority controlling golf in the country from which they elect to enter. The Secretary of such Golf Club, State Association or Authority must sign the declaration in the Entry Form that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the entrant is eligible and conforms in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status.
- (d) The starting field shall be limited to 144 players and in the event of the competition being over subscribed, entries for the higher handicap competitors will be decided by ballot, the exact handicap certified on the Entry Form determining the allocation of places, this taking place immediately after the closing date for entries.
- (e) Players whose handicaps have materially changed since entering should advise the Secretary, Walton Heath Golf Club before the closing date (Monday 18th June 2012).
- (f) All unsuccessful entrants will be informed without delay but may be given the opportunity to compete if scratchings subsequently occur. Entry Fees will be refunded to entrants balloted out who do not compete.
- (g) All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse an entry without giving reason for its decision, which shall be final.

4. PRIZES

- (a) The winner will be known as the 'South of England Open Amateur Champion' for the year and will receive a sterling silver memento.
- (b) The Championship Trophy will be retained at Walton Heath Golf Club.
- (c) Vouchers will be given for the leading 8 places to the value of: 1st £500; 2nd £375; 3rd £300; 4th £250; 5th £200; 6th £150; 7th £125; 8th £100.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) Competitors are required to register at the Tournament Office, situated in the Renshaw Room in the Clubhouse, on arrival at Walton Heath Golf Club and certainly no later than 30 minutes before their starting time.
- (b) Courtesy practice rounds will be permitted on Sunday and Monday, 22nd & 23rd July 2012, the official practice days.
Reservations for practice times can be made by calling the Professional on 01737 812152 - 9.00am - 5pm Monday - Friday. Please do not attempt to reserve practice times until after the draw has been published.
- (c) Professional caddies may be booked through the Caddie Master on 07810 576607
- (d) Pull trolleys are available to hire from the Professional Shop at a charge of £4.00.