



THE SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP

**Incorporating The St. George's Champion Grand Challenge Cup
and The Prince of Wales Challenge Cup**

**Recognised by the R&A as a
WAGR event**

Thursday, 10th May 2012 to Saturday, 12th May 2012

Entry fee: £55.00

Closing date for entries:

12:00 Noon on Monday, 23rd April 2012

**The Royal St. George's Golf Club and
The Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club**

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Championship Conditions

1. Competitors must conform in all aspects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.
2. The Championship shall comprise of 72 holes of stroke play, which will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, and with Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee (Committee).
3. Entry will be limited to 144 competitors. Competitors will play one round at The Royal St George's Golf Club on Thursday, 10th May 2012 and one round at The Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club on Friday, 11th May 2012. The top 40 lowest scores over the 36 holes, and any tying for 40th place, will qualify for the final 36 holes to be played at The Royal St. George's Golf Club on Saturday, 12th May 2012. The remainder will be eliminated.
4. The cut and the starting times for Saturday will be completed as soon after the Friday round as possible. All competitors should check if they have made the cut and discover their starting times by observing the notice board at either club. The telephone number for evening enquiries will be 01304 613090 (option 1) until 10:30pm on Friday, 11th May 2012. The Saturday starting sheet will also be published on both the Royal St. George's and the Royal Cinque Ports websites on the Friday evening at www.royalstgeorges.com or www.royalcinqueports.com
5. In the event of a tie after four rounds, the winner will be decided by a sudden death play-off over holes 1 and 18. Ties for other places will be decided on a count back of the last 18 holes, or the last 9, or 6, or 3, or 1 hole. If a tie still occurs for those positions, the prizes will be shared.
6. If it becomes impossible to complete the Championship in accordance with the above conditions, because of adverse weather conditions, or other circumstances, the Committee shall be empowered to vary such conditions to the extent necessary to achieve a result in the time available.
7. The Specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Driving Clubs and Conforming Golf Balls. A list of all conforming golf balls and driving clubs is available on the R&A website at www.randa.org
8. Competitors shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to ride by the Committee.
9. A competitor must not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his performance. A competitor must, if requested, submit to a random drug test. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
10. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.
11. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor making false statement on his entry form, or to refuse an entry without giving reason for its decision.
12. The Competitor shall start each round at the time laid down by the Committee, with the Note to Rule 6-3 being in effect.
13. The Committee reserves the right to fix and / or alter starting times and to alter or amend any of the conditions.
14. The Committee's decision in all disputes is final.

Conditions of Entry

1. Entries will only be accepted from male competitors of any nationality whose handicap, under the current CONGU handicapping scheme, or under the scheme adopted in the country from which the competitor enters, is 2 (2.4) or better.
2. Competitors holding both a CONGU and an overseas authority handicap must enter the Championship using their CONGU handicap. Failing to enter in compliance with this condition will result in entry being denied.
3. THE EXACT HANDICAP CERTIFIED AT THE DATE OF ENTRY WILL BE USED FOR ALL ENTRY PURPOSES.

4. All competitors' handicaps must be verified by the Secretary of the golf club from which they elect to enter. Competitors entering from the USA must seek handicap verification from their home State Association. Other competitors entering from overseas must provide handicap verification from the Secretary of the recognised authority controlling golf in the country from which they elect to enter.
5. The entry fee of £55 Sterling should accompany all entry forms. Cheques will be cashed and credit/debit card payments taken once the 144 entries have been selected.
6. All entries will be subject to approval by the Committee which reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason for its decision.
7. All entries must be made on the official Entry Form and must be received by the Club by 12 noon on Monday, 23rd April 2012. The successful 144 entries will be notified shortly afterwards.
8. No entry fee will be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing date for entries, except for any entrant who is balloted out, or any reserve who is not called upon to play.
9. Any competitor who withdraws after the Starting Sheet has been published must, without delay, furnish the Committee with an explanation in writing. Any competitor whose withdrawal is not notified within 48 hours of the start of the Championship, may have future entries rejected.

General Information

1. **NO PRACTICE FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE OFFICIAL PRACTICE DAY AT EITHER CLUB.**
2. **Practice** – A courtesy practice round, for competitors only (when only one ball must be played), is offered at The Royal St George's Golf Club on **Wednesday, 9th May 2012** and at The Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club on **Tuesday, 8th and Wednesday, 9th May 2012**. Practice starting times must be booked through the Secretary's Office at the relevant club. The Royal St. George's Golf Club; **+44 (0) 1304 613090, option 1**, or by email; general@royalstgeorges.com, or The Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club; **+44 (0) 1304 374007, option 5**, or by email; assistantsecretary@royalcinqueports.com.
3. **Caddies** – Any request for a caddie should be directed to the relevant club; the Caddiemaster at The Royal St George's Golf Club on +44 (0) 1304 626931, or caddiemaster@royalstgeorges.com, or the Professional at Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club on +44 (0) 1304 374170, at least one week in advance. There is no restriction on a player's choice of caddie.
4. **Registration** – All Competitors are requested to register with The Royal St. George's Golf Club between 8am Monday 7th May and 12 noon on Tuesday, 8th May 2012. This can be done by telephone, email, or in person. Failure to register by this date, will result in elimination from the Championship. Registration on each competition day will start from 0600 and all players are expected to register at the relevant club, on each day in readiness for the start of that particular round. Those who qualify for the final 36 holes will need to register at The Royal St. George's Golf Club on Saturday, 12th May 2012, prior to the start of round 3.
5. **The Draw** - The draw for rounds 1 and 2 will be made shortly after 12 noon on Tuesday, 8th May 2012; copies of which will be available on the notice board at each venue, as well as being published on both the Royal St. George's and the Royal Cinque Ports websites on the Tuesday afternoon at www.royalstgeorges.com or www.royalcinqueports.com. It is the competitors' responsibility to establish his starting time on each day.
6. **Dress Code** – Dress in the Clubhouse is smart casual; no jeans or trainers.
7. **Catering will be available throughout the Championship on competition days from 0600 to 1800.**
8. **MOBILE TELEPHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE CLUBHOUSE OR ON THE COURSE AT ANY TIME.**

Prizes

1. The presentation of trophies will take place immediately after close of play on Saturday, 11th May 2012. All prize winners are expected to attend the presentation.
2. All trophies are retained by the Committee.
3. Prizes will be awarded for the leading 10 places of the 72 hole Championship. The best aggregate scratch score for the final 36 holes will also be awarded The St. George's Champion Grand Challenge Cup.