

*Presented by the Rt. Hon. Lord Brabazon of Tara GBE,MC,LLD (President 1938)*

Entry Fee: £105 Exempt Players

£75 Regional Qualifying (plus £30 if successful in qualifying)

Closing Date: Monday 29 April (23.59)

## Terms of the Competition

(to be read in conjunction with the England Golf General Conditions)

### 1. Eligibility

- 1.1. Open to male amateur golfers of all nationalities.
- 1.2. In possession of an individual up-to-date Handicap Index ® not exceeding 2.0 under the World Handicapping System™.

### 2. Format

- 2.1. It shall be played by 72 holes of stroke play over four days, 18 holes being played on each day. After 36 holes the leading 60 competitors and all those tying for 60th place shall play a further 18 holes on the third day, followed by a re-draw and a final 18 holes on the fourth day.
- 2.2. The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest score over 72 holes. In the event of a tie, there will be a sudden death play off over holes to be decided by the Championship Committee.

### 3. Entries

There will be a maximum of 144 Competitors.

### 4. Qualifying Competition

- 4.1. The maximum number of non-exempt players shall be 360.

- 4.2. If the number of entries for qualifying exceeds 360, they shall be reduced to 360 by eliminating the higher handicaps by ballot or in such other way as the Championship Committee shall determine.
- 4.3. Note: Those who played for England in the previous year's Boys' Home Internationals will be exempt from any ballot.
- 4.4. Note: As authorised under 7.8 of the England Golf General Conditions an entry may be refused if, in the opinion of the Championship Committee, a players Handicap Index is not reflective of their playing ability. This decision may be based on but is not limited to:
- i. a handicap record (most recent 20 scores) that contains more than 4 (four) General Play scores,
  - ii. a handicap record (most recent 20 scores) that contains fewer than 4 (four) Competition scores,
  - iii. an incomplete handicap record where fewer than 20 scores have been returned.
  - iv. any information the Championship Committee reasonable considers should be taken into account.
  - v. England Golf reserve the right to contact the Club Handicap Committee to highlight the returning of General Play scores.
- 4.5. Three regional qualifying rounds, each with a maximum of 120 players, will be held at courses decided by the Championship Committee.
- 4.6. If a qualifying round is oversubscribed players will be placed on a reserve list. These players may be offered a place in another qualifying round if places are available.
- 4.7. Irrespective of the number of exempt players entering the Championship, a minimum of 18 qualifiers from each of the regional qualifying rounds (pro rata if less than 120 players) will normally qualify. There would only be a reduction to this number if the total number of exempt players and qualifiers exceeds 144. If there is a tie for the last qualifying place, the

qualifiers shall be decided on the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes of the round. If a tie still arises it shall be decided on the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes of the first nine holes of the round.

- 4.8. Those gaining entry into the Brabazon Trophy from regional qualifying shall be charged the remaining entry fee via the payment method used for qualifying. Failure to pay the fee will result in the player being withdrawn from the Championship.
- 4.9. In the event of no play being possible on the qualifying days, places for the Brabazon Trophy will be determined by the lowest handicaps at the time of the closing date at each of the qualifying rounds. Should there be a tie for the final places these shall be decided by lot.

## **5. Exemptions from Qualifying**

The following will be exempt from qualifying:

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| 5.1. England (Nominated by Federation)  | 10 players |
| 5.2. Ireland (Nominated by Federation)  | 6 players  |
| 5.3. Scotland (Nominated by Federation)   | 6 players  |
| 5.4. Wales (Nominated by Federation)  | 6 players  |
| 5.5. Spain (Nominated by Federation)  | 4 players  |
| 5.6. France (Nominated by Federation)   | 4 players  |
| 5.7. Switzerland (Nominated by Federation)  | 4 players  |
| 5.8. South Africa (Nominated by Federation)   | 4 players  |
| 5.9. Australia (Nominated by Federation)  | 4 players  |
| 5.10. New Zealand (Nominated by Federation)   | 4 players  |
| 5.11. Teams finishing in Flight 1 of the previous year's European Team Championships (not including 5.1 – 5.7 above): |            |
| Denmark   | 4 players  |
| Italy   | 4 players  |

Netherlands 4 players

Sweden 4 players

5.12. Teams finishing in the top 10 places of the previous years

Eisenhower Trophy (not including those listed above):

USA 4 players

Norway 4 players

5.13. English Amateur Champion 2023

5.14. British Amateur Champion 2023

5.15. British Boys Champion 2023

5.16. English Men's County Champion 2023

5.17. English Boys County Champion 2023

5.18. Carris Trophy Winner 2023

5.19. Logan Trophy Winner 2023

5.20. Leading player in the WR4GD on 29 April of the year in which the Championship is to be played.

5.21. Top 10 players and those tying for 10th place in the previous year's European Amateur Championship

5.22. Members of the 2023 GB&I and US Walker Cup Teams

5.23. Players in the 2022 St Andrews Trophy Teams

5.24. English players in the previous year's, if applicable, Jacques Leglise Team

5.25. The top 15 players and those tying for 15th place in the previous year's Championship

5.26. Top 10 players in the 2023 England Order of Merit

5.27. Any player, not otherwise exempt, in the top 50 of the R&A's World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) on 29 April of the year in which the Championship is to be played.

5.28. The leading player in each of the Group Qualifying Competitions for the English Men's County Championship. If that leading player is already exempt a substitute will not be allowed. If a Qualifying Competition is played after the current year's Brabazon Trophy, the exemption shall apply to the following year.

5.29. Players at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

Note:

- i. Countries with exemptions may replace any player who was on their exemption list but subsequently is unable to play.
- ii. For the avoidance of doubt, in the above list the words "Champion" and "Winner" mean as on the first day of the Championship.
- iii. If an exempt place is not taken, a qualifier will be invited to ensure a minimum of 144 players compete in the first two rounds of the Championship.

## **6. Winner, Prizes and Decision of Ties**

- 6.1. The Winner shall be presented with the Brabazon Trophy at the Prize Presentation and shall also receive a memento.
- 6.2. Prizes shall be awarded to the top 5 places.
- 6.3. A player may win more than one trophy.

## **7. The George Henriques Salver**

*Presented by Mrs. Henriques in memory of her husband, G L Q Henriques (President 1951).*

- 7.1. Competition for this Salver shall be held in conjunction with the English Men's Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship for the Brabazon Trophy.
- 7.2. This competition shall be restricted to players from Great Britain and Ireland who have not reached the age of 20 on the first day of the English Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship.

- 7.3. The winner shall be the player returning the lowest score over 72 holes. He shall be presented with the Salver at the Prize Presentation and receive a memento.
- 7.4. In the event of a tie, those players shall be joint winners of the Salver and each shall receive a memento.
- 7.5. Other Terms of Competition shall be as in the English Men's Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship.

## **8. The Philip Scrutton Jug**

*Presented by Mrs Scrutton in memory of Philip Scrutton.*

- 8.1. The Philip Scrutton Jug is to be awarded annually to the player returning the best joint scores in The Berkshire Trophy and the English Men's Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship.
- 8.2. The winner shall be presented with the Jug at the Prize Presentation of the Berkshire Trophy and shall receive a memento.
- 8.3. In the event of a tie, those players shall be joint winners of the Jug and each shall receive a memento.
- 8.4. Other Terms of the Competition shall be as in the English Men's Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship.