



WELSH MEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

SPECIFIC TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. The Championship

- a) The Championship shall be open to male amateur golfers who meet the criteria set out below in section 2.
- b) The Championship shall be decided by both stroke play and match play. 18 holes of stroke play on day one and day two followed by match play stages on days three, four and five.
- c) The 32 players returning the lowest gross scores over the 36 holes stroke play stage will qualify for the match play stage of the Championship. In the event of a tie for the final qualifying place(s), all players on the same aggregate score will compete in a hole-by-hole sudden death play-off shortly after the completion of round 2 for the final qualifying place(s), until all qualifiers are determined.
- d) Ties for all other positions in the stroke play qualifying will be decided by a card count back on the second 18 holes (or the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole(s) in turn as required). If a tie still exists, a hole-by-hole card play-off starting from hole 1 will be used.
- e) The match play stage will be conducted by automatic draw based on the qualifying position of each competitor; 1 will play 32 at the top of the draw and 2 will play 31 in the opposite half of the draw etc. If a hole-by-hole sudden death play-off has been required to determine the qualifiers for the match play stages, the seeding of those qualifying from the play-off will be decided by using their play-off scores. If two or more players qualify for the match play stages with the same play-off score their seeding will be decided by using a card countback as described in 1.d) above.
- f) Each match shall consist of one round of 18 holes, except that the final will be played over 36 holes.
- g) In the event of a match being all square after 18 holes, or 36 in respect of the final, competitors shall continue to play until one shall win a hole, then the match shall be considered won.
- h) A maximum of 108 competitors shall play in the Championship. However if there are fewer than 48 players entered into the Welsh Women's Amateur Championship, then the maximum number of competitors can increase to a total of 156 across the two Championships.

2. Entry Qualifications

- a) Entries will only be accepted from players who can meet one of the following criteria requirements:
 - i) Born in Wales;
 - ii) One of your parents was born in Wales;
 - iii) One of your grandparents was born in Wales;
 - iv) Resided in Wales for two years prior to day 1 of the Championship (if under 18 years of age)
 - v) Resided in Wales for three years prior to day 1 of the Championship (if 18 years of age or over)
 - vi) Previously represented Wales at Junior or Adult level in Home International Matches or European Team Championships or World Amateur Team Championships (players will be asked to provide evidence of this)
- b) Entrants MUST NOT have played in the Men's Closed Championship of another country within the last two years (e.g. in 2021 or 2022) or have ever played in the full International Team of another country.
- c) Entries will only be accepted from players with an official WHS Handicap Index of 5.0 or less held at an affiliated club within the National Union, or overseas equivalent.
- d) Entrants holding both a WHS Handicap and an overseas handicap must enter this Championship using their WHS Handicap Index.
- e) Failure to enter in accordance with this condition will result in entry being denied.

3. Exemptions

No Exemptions.

4. Winner & Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship shall be the Welsh Amateur Champion for the year and will be presented with the Championship Cup. He will also receive a memento.
- b) The Runner Up will be presented with the Hoylake Cup and will receive a memento.
- c) The losing semi-finalists will each receive a memento.

Note: The above Conditions must be read in conjunction with the following which apply to all Wales Golf Championships:

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- i. Wales Golf 'General Terms of Competition & Rules'**
- ii. Wales Golf 'Hard Card' (Local Rules & Terms of Competition)**
- iii. Wales Golf Anti-Doping Policy**