

# SCOTTISH GOLF R&A 9-HOLE CHALLENGE TERMS OF THE COMPETITION



Handicap Limit: 54  
Entry Fee: Free  
Field Size: Max. 200 Clubs at National Final (Max. 100 Clubs per day)  
Entry: Via [Scottish Golf App](#) or [Scottishgolf.org](#)  
Closing Date: Monday 23 May 2022 @ 12 Noon

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## 1. Eligibility

The R&A Scottish Golf 9-Hole Challenge is open to all members of Scottish Golf affiliated clubs who meet all the following criteria:

- a) Are of amateur status as defined by R&A Rules Limited.
- b) Are in possession of a WHS Handicap Index.
- c) Have been identified by their golf club as the top available pair from their club qualifying round.
- d) Only represent 1 golf club at the National Final. Members of more than 1 club may compete in qualifying competitions at each affiliated club where they are a member but may only represent 1 golf club should they qualify for the National Final.

## 2. General

- a) Club qualifying rounds are run in accordance with R&A Rules of Golf and in conjunction with the club's own local rules. The Grand Final will be run in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf and in conjunction with the Scottish Golf Hard card and any amendments published by Scottish Golf at the venue.
- b) All clubs are invited to hold 9-Hole handicap qualifying competitions. Qualifying competitions may be standalone or attached to an existing 9-Hole handicap qualifying fixture.
- c) [Ready Golf](#) will be encouraged at all stages of the championship.

## 3. Format

### Club Qualifying

- a) All stages will be played as 9-Hole stableford played on 1 day and will be handicap qualifying.
- b) Event contested in pairs which may be male, female or mixed but only include a maximum of 1 U18 player.
- c) Pairs must be nominated before play and if in same group must not give advice or mark each other's card.
- d) A player's 9-Hole playing handicap will be calculated by your club's competition software using the formula:

*9-hole Course Handicap = (Handicap Index/2) x 9 hole Slope Rating/113 + 9 hole Course Rating-9 hole par.*

*Playing Handicap=9 Hole Course Handicap x handicap allowance (95%)*

As the calculation for the 9-hole Course Handicap has already included an adjustment for CR-Par, the Stableford points result for each player is directly comparable against that of every other player, regardless of the tees used. So, for competition purposes the standard Playing Handicap calculation in Rule 6.2a is applicable.

- e) The team score is calculated from the combined stableford points of both players.
- f) The committee is responsible for running the qualifying round and deciding ties at their club.
- g) The first 200 entries received (1 pair per club) will qualify for the National 9-Hole Final at Dundas Park Golf Club on either Thursday 09 June or Friday 10 June 2022. If over-subscribed a waiting list will be created based on time of entry.

### National Final

- a) In the event of a tie at the National Final, the qualifiers and ordering of subsequent reserve places will be decided by card count back based on the team stableford scores over the last 6 holes (or 3 or 1). If a tie still arises a card play-off from the 1st hole will apply, failing which; the qualifiers and subsequent reserve places will be decided by lot.
- b) If, in the opinion of Scottish Golf, it becomes impossible to complete a championship in accordance with that championship's Terms of the Competition, because of adverse weather or other circumstances, Scottish Golf reserves the right to amend the championship format to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.
- c) All disputes will be decided by Scottish Golf whose decision will be final.
- d) The leading 2 pairs from each qualifying day at the National Final will advance to the 9-Hole Grand Final which will take place at St Andrews, Old Course in July. All Grand Final related correspondence will be communicated via the R&A directly.

## 4. Entries

- a) All entries must be completed individually by the closing date and the 'partners name' included in the notes section of each entry.

- b) Late entries will only be considered if the max. field not be achieved and no later than 7 June at 12 noon.
- c) Entry can be made on the [Scottish Golf App](#) or online at [Scottishgolf.org](#)
- d) Correspondence will be sent to the email provided at time of entry 2 weeks prior to the National Final.
- e) Scottish Golf will not be responsible for any correspondence that fails to reach competitors.
- f) All entries are subject to the approval of Scottish Golf who reserve the right to refuse or accept or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry.

## 5. Withdrawals

Withdrawals will only be accepted if a player withdraws through the Scottish Golf App or written confirmation is received in to [events@scottishgolf.org](mailto:events@scottishgolf.org)

## 6. National Final Registration

ALL teams must register at the at least 60 minutes prior to their start time. Failure to do so may result in a team forfeiting their place in the field.

## 7. Substitutions

### National Final

In the event of a player being unable to compete, a maximum of 1 substitution per pair will be permitted until Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 12 noon.

### Grand Final

In the event of a player(s) being unable to compete, the next available pair from the National Final will be invited.

## 8. Policies /Procedures

The following policies apply to all Scottish Golf National Championships and are available at [www.scottishgolf.org](http://www.scottishgolf.org)

- a) [Disciplinary Policy](#)
- b) [Transportation Policy](#)
- c) [Pace of Play Policy](#)
- d) Anti-Doping Rules – Scottish Golf follow the UK Anti-Doping Rules published by UK Anti-Doping (or its successor), as amended from time to time. Such rules shall take effect and be construed as the rules. You can find the UK Anti-Doping Rules at <http://www.ukad.org.uk>.
- e) Images/Video & Publications – Scottish Golf arranges publicity before and during the championship in the press and by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting and filming and on the internet on the following sites:

[www.scottishgolf.org](http://www.scottishgolf.org)

Livescoring (specific event)

[ScottishGolf TV \(youtube\)](#)

- f) [Safeguarding Policy](#)

Images and filming at the championship may be taken for media coverage or promotional purposes e.g. website including social media or publication and these images may be accompanied by personal details such as full name and associated golf club.

Parental consent is required for all entrants U16 this will be required to be completed at time of entry. By ticking yes you are agreeing to the Terms / General Terms of the Competition and give consent for your child to be entered, videoed or photographed. Should you not wish to give consent for your child to be videoed and / or photographed please highlight this in the entry notes.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding videos or photographs on websites or social media sites and either the parent/guardian or the young person wishes the data to be removed please contact the Scottish Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer on [safeguarding@scottishgolf.org](mailto:safeguarding@scottishgolf.org)

## 9. Disclaimer/Consent

Neither the host venue nor Scottish Golf can be held responsible for any personal injury, loss of or damage to, equipment or personal possessions at championships.

When you enter with the intention of competing in a championship you give consent for your personal information to be collected in order to confirm your entry and provide you with any championship specific information directly related to your participation in the event. Please refer to our [Privacy Policy](#) for full details for how we use your data.