



**ENGLISH  
WOMEN'S OPEN**  
STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Stoneham Golf Club

**18-20**  
June 2024



Entry Fee £100

Closing Date: Thursday 30 May, (23:59)

## **Terms of the Competition**

(to be read in conjunction with the England Golf General Conditions and Championship Entry Policy)

### **1. Eligibility**

- 1.1. Open to female amateur golfers of all nationalities.
- 1.2. In possession of an individual up-to-date Handicap Index® not exceeding 7.0 under the World Handicapping System™.

Note: As authorised under 7.9 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.

Note: Any information the Championship Committee considers reasonable may be taken into account.

England Golf reserve the right to contact the Club Handicap Committee to highlight the returning of General Play scores.

## **2. Format**

- 2.1. The Championship shall consist of 72 holes of Stroke Play. One round of 18 holes shall be played on each of the first two days. After 36 holes the leading 40 competitors and all those tying for 40th place shall play a further 36 holes on day three.
- 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**

- 3.1. There will be a maximum of 144 Competitors.
- 3.2. Ballot: If entries exceed 144, they shall be reduced to 144 by eliminating the higher handicaps by ballot or in such other way as the Championship Committee shall determine. Players eliminated by ballot will be kept on a reserve list

## **4. Exemptions from Ballot**

The following are exempt from Ballot providing their handicaps comply with 1.2 above:

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| 4.1. | England (nominated by Federation)     | 10 players |
| 4.2. | Ireland (nominated by Federation)     | 4 players  |
| 4.3. | Scotland (nominated by Federation)    | 4 players  |
| 4.4. | Wales (nominated by Federation)       | 4 players  |
| 4.5. | Spain (nominated by Federation)       | 4 players  |
| 4.6. | France (nominated by Federation)      | 4 players  |
| 4.7. | Italy (nominated by Federation)       | 4 players  |
| 4.8. | Netherlands (nominated by Federation) | 4 players  |

- 4.9. Teams finishing in Flight 1 of the previous year's European Ladies Amateur Team Championship (not including 1-8 above) 4 players
- 4.10. English Women's Amateur Champion 2023
- 4.11. British Women's Amateur Champion 2023
- 4.12. European Ladies Amateur Champion 2023
- 4.13. English Girls Amateur Champion 2023
- 4.14. English Women's County Champion 2023
- 4.15. English Girls County Champion 2023
- 4.16. The top 15 players and those trying for 15th place in the previous year's Championship
- 4.17. The top 10 players in the 2022 England Order of Merit
- 4.18. Winners of the Women's Stroke Play championship in each of the 6 women's regions.
- 4.19. Any player, not otherwise exempt, in the top 50 of the R&A's World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) on the closing date for entries of the year in which the Championship is to be played
- 4.20. 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 of words 'Champion' and 'Winner' mean as on the first day of the Championship.

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

- 5.1 The Winner shall be presented with the Trophy at the Prize Presentation.
- 5.2 Prizes shall be awarded to the top 5 places.