



PLAYER INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & ENTRY FORM

The criteria for entry and conditions for players wishing to compete in the 2019 Final Qualifying are available for download from <https://www.aigwomensbritishopen.com/home> from February 2019.

Entries close on Thursday 4 July (23:59 BST).

REGISTRATION

All exempt and successful qualifiers must register with The R&A at the Players' Registration Desk, located in The Cotton Room at Ashridge GC. The Registration Desk will be open from 08:00 on Sunday 28 July. All competitors must register with The R&A 30 minutes before their respective tee-time. A competitor's place may be forfeited if contact has not been made by the stipulated time.

PLEASE NOTE THE PHONE SIGNAL AT ASHRIDGE IS POOR THEREFORE REGISTRATION SHOULD BE IN PERSON. In exceptional circumstances a player may register over the phone or by email with the R&A staff member onsite (George Wale).

Local Rules and Conditions of Competition, including the Pace of Play procedures, will be given to Players at Registration. Please read these carefully and if you have any queries please contact the Championship Office.

OFFICIALS

Claire Dowling – Chairman of the Committee (The R&A)
George Wale – Qualifying Manager (The R&A)
Victoria Watts – Events Administrator (The R&A)
Jonathan Tippetts-Aylmer – Entries Manager (The R&A)
Euan Webster – Operations Coordinator (IMG)

WITHDRAWALS

If you have to withdraw from FQ, please inform Jonathan Tippetts-Aylmer (Entries Manager), The R&A without delay - Tel: +44 (0)1334 460000 or Email: jta@randa.org

RESERVES

The reserve numbers will be allocated after Pre-Qualifying. Any onsite reserves are encouraged to make themselves known to The R&A Executive onsite.

A Reserve may play a practice round if approved by The R&A Executive onsite. The player must tee off before the stipulated time of closing the 1st tee.





ACCOMMODATION SERVICE

It is highly recommended that you book your accommodation as early as possible. Information on local accommodation can be found on the following sites.

- Pendley Manor – Cow Lane, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5QY – Tel +44 (0)1442 820036 - <https://www.pendley-manor.co.uk/>
- The Greyhound Inn – Stocks Road, Aldbury, Hertfordshire, HP23 5RT – Tel +44 (0)1442 851228 - <http://greyhoundaldbury.co.uk/>
- The Kings Arms – High Street, Berkhamsted, HP4 3HL – Tel +44 (0)1442 866595 - <https://www.kingsarmsberkhamsted.co.uk/>
- Holiday Inn Express Dunstable – London Road, Dunstable, LU6 3DX – Tel +44 (0)871 942 9038 - <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/dunstable/ltndu/hoteldetail>

TRANSPORTATION

For those interested in renting a car for the event, Arnold Clark are offering 20% off for all competitors using the promotional code BW20 at checkout: <http://www.arnoldclarkrental.com/>

DINING

Player & Guest dining will be available within the main clubhouse. All players must settle their own bills at Final Qualifying. Tea, coffee and breakfast will be available from 05:45 on Monday 29 July. The clubhouse will be open from 07:00 on Sunday 28 July with dining available between 08:00 & 18:00.

PRACTICE FACILITIES

The practice range will be open from 08:00 until 19:00 on Sunday 28 July, and from 05:45 until 20:00 on Monday 29 July. Practice balls will be provided. The practice putting green is in front of the clubhouse by the 1st tee.

NOTE:

Please leave sufficient time to get to and from the driving range. Due to the maximum length of the driving range (260 yards) the range will be split into 2 parts. The left-hand sections will be roped off on the grass and will be an irons and hybrids only facility. The right-hand side of the driving range (bottom 2 Huxley mats) will be reserved for driver and fairway woods only.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Official practice will be available from 10:30 until 18:00 on Sunday 28 July. Tee times may be booked from Tuesday 16 July (after Pre-Qualifying) by calling the pro shop – Ashridge GC +44 (0)1442 842307 Practice from 1st tee only.

Practice rounds prior to official practice are at the discretion of Ashridge (subject to availability and restrictions may apply). Players should contact Ashridge directly to make any such arrangements.

NOTE:

- One ball only may be played during the practice rounds. If a player misses the green with their approach shot, they may play one additional shot.
- Competitors may not play from any protected areas on tees.





YARDAGE BOOKS

Yardage books will be issued upon registration at Ashridge from Sunday 28 July. Books will be available in yards and metres.

TEE TIMES

Play will commence from the 1st tee only at 06:45 and thereafter at 11-minute intervals in three balls.

Please note that the committee has the right to alter tee times. Please check your starting time on the draw enclosed.

The final field size is dependent on the number of exempt entries.

GROOVE SPECIFICATIONS

New groove specifications were introduced into the Rules of Golf at the start of 2010. It is your responsibility to ensure that your clubs conform to the Rules of Golf, including the 2010 groove specifications.

In order to help players determine the status of their equipment, we have constructed a database of clubs which have been measured. The database can be accessed through the Equipment section of The R&A's website or directly at <http://www.randa.org/RulesEquipment/Equipment/Equipment-Explorer> Clubs generally fall into three categories: "Yes" the model meets the 2010 specifications; "No" the model does not meet the 2010 specifications and finally "ATR", which is where additional testing is required. There is an important proviso, in that the status of a model as detailed in the database assumes that the clubs have not been purposely altered since manufacture.

We would expect the majority of models of clubs launched since 2010, to have been designed and manufactured with the intention of meeting the new specifications. If you have any queries prior to arriving at FQ, for example if your clubs are listed as "ATR" or are not listed, please either visit the web page referenced in the previous paragraph or do not hesitate to send an email to Ian Scott or Dr Steve Otto at equipmentstandards@randa.org or contact The R&A by phone on +44 (0)1334 460000. For any queries during the day of Final Qualifying itself, please report to The R&A Championship Office.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (Including trolleys with built in devices)

Except during practice rounds, the use of a device that measures distance is prohibited under Model Local Rule G-5.

PACE OF PLAY

It is the responsibility of each competitor to understand the Pace of Play policy. Failure to comply with the Pace of Play policy may result in you being penalised.

Should you have any questions regarding the Pace of Play policy then please visit the Championship Office at the venue where R&A Officials will be happy to assist you.

CADDIES

Any players requesting a caddie should contact Ashridge professional shop +44 (0)1442 842307. Charges for local caddies is by arrangement between the player and the caddie. The R&A or IMG does not coordinate this service.





TIES & RESERVES

In the event of a tie, the players who tie shall play a hole-by-hole play-off to determine the qualifiers and to determine the 4 reserves for the AIG Women's British Open. Conditions of the play-off will be posted on the event notice board during the event.

ABANDONMENT OF PLAY

In the event of play having to be abandoned, The R&A reserves the right to conclude the event on Tuesday 30 July.

DRESS CODE

Soft spiked golf shoes are permitted in the clubhouse lounge area but not in the dining room (access via outside staircase only). **No golf shoes are permitted on the wooded areas (reception, staircase, dining room etc).**

LOCKERS

The Locker Room in the main clubhouse will be made available to players from Sunday 28 July. There are no lockers available for storage.

ANTI-DOPING

All competitors gaining entry to the AIG Women's British Open itself are subject to the LPGA's Anti-Doping Program and Protocol in force at the time of the Championship. Any competitor violating the LPGA's policy shall be disqualified and subject to any sanction(s) brought down by LPGA. The LPGA's Anti-Doping Policy, TUE application and procedures, and other relevant information including the applicable Prohibited Substance lists, may be found at <http://www.lpga.com/anti-doping-information> All TUE applications should be submitted to LPGA in accordance with the LPGA TUE Application Procedures and in no event later than 45 days prior to the Championship. If you have any questions about the LPGA's Anti-Doping Policy (which may be referred via The R&A), please contact the LPGA's Assistant General Counsel at +1 (386) 274 6284 or Josh.Kane@lpga.com

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