



PLAYER INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & ENTRY FORM

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

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

FORMAT OF PLAY

To determine who qualifies to compete at Final Qualifying a 18 hole stroke play will be contested on Monday 15 July.

QUALIFYING PLACES (including play-off)

Any ties for last spot will be decided by a hole by hole play-off immediately following play. The play-off will be contested over holes 1 & 2 (subject to change).

FQ RESERVES (Card Count Back)

To cover withdrawals from the Final Qualifying competition, reserves will be nominated from the Pre-Qualifying competition. The order of reserves will be decided by a card count back. The card countback will use the back 9 holes of the course or 6 or 3 or 2 or 1 hole and if a tie still arises, the last 6 or 3 or 2 or 1 hole of the front 9 holes of the course. If after that a tie still exists, the order will be established by the drawing of lots.

REGISTRATION

All players must register either in person with The R&A at the Players' Registration Desk, located in the dining room in the Sandy Lodge clubhouse. The Registration Desk will be open from 08:00 on Sunday 14 July. All competitors must register with The R&A 30 minutes before their respective tee-time. In exceptional circumstances a player may register over the phone or by email with the R&A staff member onsite (George Wale, +44 (0)7788 315883, georgewale@randa.org). A competitor's place may be forfeited if contact has not been made by the stipulated time.

Local Rules and Terms 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

Sam Burton – Chairman of the Committee (The R&A)
George Wale – Qualifying Manager (The R&A)
Jonathan Tippetts-Aylmer – Entries Manager (The R&A)
Euan Webster – Operations Coordinator (IMG)

WITHDRAWALS

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





PRACTICE FACILITIES

The practice range and short game area will be open from 08:00 until 18:00 on Sunday 14 July, and from 05:30 on Monday 15 July. Practice balls will be provided.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Official practice will be available from 10:00 until 14:30 on Sunday 14 July. Tee times must be booked through the office by calling +44 (0)1923 825429. Practice prior to Sunday 14 July is at the discretion of Sandy Lodge.

NOTE:

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

ACCOMMODATION SERVICE

Hotels near Sandy Lodge Golf Club:

- Best Western Plus Grims Dyke Hotel – Old Redding, Harrow Weald, Middlesex, HA3 6SH – Reservations call +44 (0)800 393130 - <https://www.bestwestern.co.uk/hotels/best-western-plus-grims-dyke-hotel-83956>
- The Tudor Lodge – Field End Road, Eastcote, Pinner, HA5 2QN – Reservations call +44 (0)208 4290585 - <http://www.thetudorlodge.net/>
- Travelodge Watford Central – Market Street, Watford, WD18 0PA – Tel +44 (0)8719 846320 - https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/320/Watford-Central-hotel?WT.tsrc=GHA_Organic&utm_campaign=GHA_Watford%20Central&utm_medium=GHA_Organic&utm_source=google
- Premier Inn Watford Croxley Green – Ascot Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD18 8AP – Tel +44 (0)871 5279138 - https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/hertfordshire/watford/watford-croxley-green.html?cid=GLBC_WATBRE
- Best Western White House Hotel – Upton Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD18 0JF- Tel +44 (0)800 393130 - https://www.bestwestern.co.uk/hotels/best-western-white-house-hotel-83770?utm_source=google_places&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=Best_Western_White_House_Hotel

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 Pre-Qualifying.

Breakfast will be available from 06:00 on Monday 15 July. Lunch will be available from 11:30. Catering will be available until the last group has completed play (approx. 20:00)

Note: Food will only be available until 17:00 on Sunday 14 July





DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (including trolleys with built in devices)

Distance Measuring Devices are permitted under rule 4.3. For additional guidance on permissible and non-permissible Distance Measuring Devices, see <http://www.randa.org/en/Equipment/Distance-Measuring-Devices.aspx>

If you have any queries, please contact the Championship Office at the venue.

NOTE: DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES ARE NOT PERMITTED (BY LOCAL RULE) AT FINAL QUALIFYING AND THE AIG WOMEN'S BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

YARDAGE BOOKS

Yardage books will be available to purchase from the designated supplier at Sandy Lodge from Sunday 14 July.

TEE TIMES

Play will commence from the 1st tee only at 07:00 and thereafter at 11-minute intervals in three balls. Please note that the committee has the right to alter times of starting. The draw will be emailed to all entrants on Monday 8 July.

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 PQ, 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 Pre-Qualifying itself, please report to The R&A Championship Office.

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 your query.





CADDIES

Caddies are not available via the Golf Club. The Club has a supply of pull and electric trolleys, which will be available to hire from the Club at a cost to the competitors. These will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

ABANDONMENT OF PLAY

In the event of play having to be abandoned, The R&A reserves the right to conclude the event on Tuesday 16 July.

DRESS CODE

A reasonable standard of dress is required at all times.

LOCKERS

The Locker Room in the main clubhouse will be made available to players from Sunday 14 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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