**RULES AND CONDITIONS**

1. **The Championship will be decided by stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes, each played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and in accordance with the Local Rules approved by the Championship Committee. The lowest 80 gross scores over the first 36 holes and anyone tying for 80th place, will qualify for the final round.**
2. **In the event of a tie after three rounds, the winner will be decided by a hole by hole play-off by stroke play over holes determined by the Championship Committee. The play-off will start as soon as practicable after the last competitors have completed their rounds.**
3. **In addition to the trophy presented to the Champion, there will be regional trophies presented to the competitors achieving the best net score for the first two rounds in their region. Details of the countries within each region will be posted on the competitors' notice board.**
4. **It is a condition of the Championship that no competitor will be awarded more than one trophy. The Champion will be ineligible to accept a regional trophy. In such a case, the regional trophy will be awarded to the competitor returning the next best score.**
5. **In the event of a tie after two rounds for the regional trophies, the trophy will be decided on the lowest net score for the last 18 holes (or 9 or 6 or 3 or I hole). If a tie still arises, the preceding round will be treated in the same way until a decision is reached. In matching cards over the last 9 or 6 or 3 or I hole, handicaps will be reduced by one-half, one-third, one-sixth etc.**
6. **List of Conforming Balls -The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect - see page 155. Note: An updated List of Conforming Balls is available on The R&A's website (**[**www.RandA.org**](http://www.RandA.org)**). This is also available at the tournament office.**
7. **Transportation -The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect - see page 159.**
8. **Caddie (Note to Rule 6-4) - the use of caddies is prohibited. Penalty for Breach of Condition - see Penalty Statement on page 157 of the Rules of Golf.**
9. **Drugs - Players must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a player show clinical evidence of use of a drug for non-therapeutic purpose, the Committee may require the player to undergo a drug test. Any player infringing this Condition may be disqualified. Players who are on medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from The R&A via the tournament office.**
10. **Entrants must be nominated to compete by their national golf union, federation or association.**
11. **Entries must be made on the entry form on the link to be obtained from the Junior Open office (address below). And submitted online via the link provided.**
12. **Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as defined by R&A Rules Limited. A declaration to the effect that the entrant is an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status must be stated by a representative of the nominating body.**
13. **Entrants must be under the age of 16 on 1 January 2016 and have reached 12 years of age by 11 July 2016.**
14. **Entries will be accepted on behalf of nominated entrants whose genuine playing handicaps do not exceed 15 under the handicapping scheme adopted in the country from which the competitor is entered.**
15. **Entrants must bring to the Championship proof of their current handicap.**
16. **Fully completed entry forms must be received by the Junior Open office (address below) not later than Monday 30 May 2016.**
17. **All entries will be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision. The Committee may also request the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor either before or during the Championship.**
18. **The Championship Committee reserves the right to amend the Championship conditions and the decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.**

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| **IMPORTANT****Please note that, although the closing date** **for entries is Monday 30 May 2016, a firm commitment from you by 31 March 2016** **that you wish to enter competitor(s)** **would be appreciated.****This should be sent by email to:****Alison White****The Junior Open office, The R&A,****St Andrews, Fife, Scotland, KYI6 9JD****Tel: +44 (0)1334 460000****Fax: +44 (0) 1334 460007****Email: thejunioropen@randa.org** |