



The Local Clubs' Women's Gold Medal Competition 2018

General

The 2018 Competition for The Local Clubs' Women's Gold Medal, will be decided by Scratch Medal Play over eighteen holes of The Old Course at St Andrews on **Sunday 20th May 2018**.

The Medal, which is given by the R&A, will be presented to the winner in the R&A Clubhouse at the conclusion of the Competition.

Order of Play

The first group will start at approximately 12.30 p.m. (exact time subject to size of Entry).

In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided on the lowest score for the last 9 holes (or 6 or 3 or 1 hole). If a tie still arises, the scores for the first 9 holes will be treated in the same way until a decision is reached. If a tie still arises, the Medal will be shared.

Entry

The Entry is limited to 21 Competitors. In the event of an Entry greater than this, places will be allocated in priority of exact handicaps, and then if required by ballot.

Entry is open to any Member of the R&A, The St Rule Club, St Regulus Ladies' Golf Club, and University of St Andrews Ladies Golf Club.

Any Entrant must be an Amateur Golfer whose playing handicap does not exceed 9 (nine).

Entry Forms can be obtained from your Club Secretary and must be returned to them if you wish to enter by no later than 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 25th April 2018, at which time Entries will close. (For R&A Members, Entry Forms should be collected from and returned to the R&A Club Porters).

Other Conditions of Competition and Competition Administration

1. Competitors must walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to ride by the Competition Committee.
2. Competitors may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If a Competitor uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.
3. All cards must be handed in to the R&A Club Porter at the front desk of the R&A Clubhouse immediately on completion of rounds.
4. Competitors are please required to present their Links Tickets to the Old Course Starter in the normal way. Anyone not in possession of a Links Ticket is required to pay the applicable green fee to the Old Course Starter.
5. The Local Rule for Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green will apply. Therefore, Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental. Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

6. The Local Rule introducing a modification to the Exception relating to returning a Wrong Score for a Hole, will apply. Therefore, the Exception to Rule 6-6d is modified as follows:

Exception: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.