

**THE ROTHERHAM GOLF CLUB 72 HOLE MEN'S AMATEUR SCRATCH
COMPETITION FOR 'THE LEE WESTWOOD TROPHY'
August 14th, 15th & 16th 2018**

1. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- a. The Championship shall be played by Stroke Play over 72 holes in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R & A Rules Limited and such Local Rules as shall be approved by the Championship Committee.
- b. The winner of the championship shall be the competitor who returns the lowest score for 72 holes. In the event of a tie for first place the Championship shall be decided by a "sudden death" play-off which shall take place immediately over holes 10, 11 and 12 of the Course until a winner emerges. In the event of ties for other places the count-back formula will be applied.
- c. Entry will be limited to 141 competitors. The 40 lowest scores and ties over 36 holes will qualify for the final 36 holes, to be played on Thursday 16th August.
- d. In the event of a competitor having to scratch after the closing date his entry fee will not be refunded.
- e. Scratchings will not be accepted at any time unless confirmed by letter, fax or email.
- f. The ball the player uses shall be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls, a copy of which will be available at the Tournament Office. Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification.
- g. The clubs the player uses shall conform to the Rules of Golf. Particular attention is drawn to the Rules relating to "Driving Clubs" as defined by R & A Rules Limited. Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification. It is the player's responsibility to ensure that his clubs conform.
- h. The Competitor shall start at the time laid down by the Committee. (The note Rule 6.3 will be applied). Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification.
- i. The Championship will be under the charge of the Championship Committee to whom all disputes will be referred and whose decision shall be final.
- j. Drugs – A competitor must not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his performance. Any competitor infringing this condition or, if asked to do so, refusing to take a test may be disqualified. Attention is drawn to the list of proscribed drugs issued by Sport England.
- k. During the stipulated round, a competitor may not use a motorised vehicle unless specifically authorised by the Committee. Penalty for breach of condition; Disqualification.
- l. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7). In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and, in the case of 2nd or subsequent groups out of position. The time allowed will be determined by the Championship Committee and will be published and distributed to all competitors.
- m. A competitor is not permitted to withdraw at any stage of the Championship except for Emergency reasons or medical circumstances explained to and deemed acceptable by the Championship Committee.
- n. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any Competitor making a false statement on his Entry Form.

2. QUALIFICATION

To be eligible entrant must be male at birth and of Amateur Status as defined by R & A Rules Limited. A declaration to that effect being in the Entry Form, be in possession of a handicap NOT EXCEEDING 2 STROKE (exact 2.4) under the current CONGU SSS & Handicapping Scheme or the handicapping scheme adopted in the country from which the entrant has entered on the date that the Entry Form is certified by the Secretary of the entrant's Home Club, State Association or National Union, Federation or Association.

3. ENTRIES

- a. All entries must be made on the Official Entry Form, or a facsimile thereof, duly completed and signed personally by the entrant, which must be received, together with the stipulated Entry Fee, on or before the stipulated closing date for entries. All entries will be acknowledged.
- b. The Entry Fee is £65 which will be paid by cheque payable to Rotherham Golf Club Ltd or by card over the phone on 01709 850466.
- c. Competitors entering from overseas must enter through the Secretary of the recognised Authority controlling golf in the country from which they elect to enter. The Secretary of such Golf Club or Authority must sign the declaration in the Entry Form that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the entrant is eligible and conforms in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status.
- d. The starting field shall be limited to 141 players and in the event of the competition being oversubscribed, entries for the higher handicap competitors will be decided by ballot, the exact handicap certified on the Entry Form determining the allocation of places, this taking place immediately after the closing date for entries.
- e. Players whose handicaps have materially changed since entering should advise the Professional at Rotherham Golf Club before the closing date (26th July 2018).
- f. All unsuccessful entrants will be informed without delay but may be given the opportunity to compete if scratchings subsequently occur. Entry Fees will be refunded to entrant balloted out who do not compete.
- g. All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee which reserves the right to accept or refuse an entry without giving reason for its decision, which shall be final.

4. PRIZES

- a. The winner will receive the "The Lee Westwood Trophy" for a year and a memento.
- b. The Championship Trophy will be retained at Rotherham Golf Club.
- c. Vouchers will be given for the leading 10 players.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

All competitors must register in person on day 1 of the competition in the main entrance. A Courtesy practice round will be permitted by arrangement with the Professional, Greg Roberts Tel. 01709 850480 or by email to proshop@rotherhamgolfclub.com