

NORTHERN COUNTIES GOLF UNION



The North of England Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship 2022

Seaton Carew Golf Club

27th – 29th September

Closing date for entries – Sunday 18th September 2022 @18:00

Handicap Index Limit (1.4) - Entry Fee: £80

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**This will be the final event of the
England Golf Order of Merit for 2022**

1. TERMS OF COMPETITION

- a) These Terms of Competition should be read in conjunction with the General Terms of Competition for NCGU events.
- b) The Championship shall be open to male amateur golfers of all nationalities.
- c) It shall be played by Stroke Play over 72 holes under the NCGU Hard Card available on the NCGU website (NCGU.co.uk), and such Local Rules as shall be approved by the Championship Committee.
- d) The winner of the Championship shall be the competitor who returns the lowest score from scratch for 72 holes. All ties in the Championship shall be decided by a card play-off.
- e) Entry will be limited to **111** competitors. For the first 36 holes competitors will play 18 holes on each of the first two days in 3's with the 32 lowest scores playing 36 holes on the last day in 2's.
- f) Any competitor who withdraws after the starting sheet has been published must, without delay, provide the Championship Committee with an explanation in writing. Any competitor whose withdrawal is not notified within 48 hours of the start of the tournament or who is absent from the tournament without notice of withdrawal may have future entries rejected.
- g) The Championship will be under the charge of the Championship Committee to whom all disputes will be referred and whose decision shall be final.
- h) A full Pace of Play condition will be posted at the Championship and will be available upon request. The Pace of Play condition will be strictly enforced.
- i) 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.
- j) The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any Competitor making a false statement on his Online Entry.

2. QUALIFICATION

To be eligible entrants must be in possession of a handicap index **NOT EXCEEDING 1.4** under the current World Handicapping System, or the handicapping scheme adopted in the country from which the entrant has entered on the date that the Entry is certified by the Secretary of the entrant's Home Club, State Association or National Union, Federation or Association, where the handicap must be a 'competition' handicap.

3. ENTRIES

- a) All entries must be made via Golf Genius accessed via our website (ncgu.co.uk). Entry will be available from 06:00 on 13th June 2022 until 18:00 on 18th September 2022.
- b) Competitors entering from overseas must enter through the Secretary of the recognized Authority controlling golf in the country from which they elect to enter. The Secretary of such Golf Club, State Association or authority must sign the a declaration of handicap index and that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the entrant is eligible and conforms in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status.
- c) The starting field shall be limited to **111** players and in the event of the competition being oversubscribed, entries for the higher handicap competitors will be decided by ballot, the handicap index registered on WHS on the closing date determining the allocation of places.
- d) Players whose handicaps have materially changed since entering should advise the Secretary, Northern Counties Golf Union before Sunday 18th September 2022
- e) All unsuccessful entrants will be informed without delay but may be given the opportunity to compete if a withdrawal subsequently occurs. Entry Fees will be refunded to entrants balloted out who do not compete.
- f) 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. EXEMPTION FROM BALLOT

- a) All players in the top 10 Titleist FootJoy Men's English Golf Order of Merit as at the closing date.
- b) All players in the top 5 Titleist FootJoy Boys' English Golf Order of Merit as at the closing date.
- c) Each of the 34 England Golf Counties **MAY**, prior to the closing date, nominate up to two players.
- d) A further three exemptions may be used at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

5. PRIZES

- a) The winner will be known as the 'North of England Open Amateur Stroke Play Champion' for the year and will receive a memento.
- b) The Championship Trophy will be retained at the Northern Counties Golf Union Office.
- c) Cheques will be given for the leading 7 places to the value of 1st £500, 2nd £350, 3rd £275, 4th £240, 5th £200, 6th £150, 7th £100.

6. County Plate

Each English county which has two or more players representing them will automatically be entered into the competition for the County Plate. This will be awarded to the county with the lowest combined scores of their two players over the first 36 holes, and the players will each receive a memento.

7. Registration

Competitors are requested to register immediately on arrival each day. The Tournament Office will be situated in the Clubhouse at Seaton Carew Golf Club. All competitors **must** register before play and if unable to do so please inform the Committee/Club as soon as possible by telephone on 01429 266249 or 07970 181077

8. Practice

A practice round, for competitors only (when only one ball must be played), is offered at Seaton Carew GC on Monday 26th September 2022 at a reduced rate. Please note that the 1st tee will be closed at 14:00 to allow course preparation. Starting times must be booked through the Professional's Shop Telephone 01429 266249. Practice rounds at other times may be on payment of the full green fee

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