



## Club Championships 2026

### Eligibility

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- The Club Championship is open to all Members with a HANDICAP INDEX of 8.2 or lower.
- The Salver Championship is open to all Members with a HANDICAP INDEX between 3.0 and 8.2 inclusive
- For the above Members HANDICAP INDEX before the start of the 1st Qualifying round on Saturday 9th May 2026 will be used to determine in which championship they play.
- The `B` Championship is open to all Members with a HANDICAP INDEX of 8.3 or higher on Saturday 9th May and lower than 17.0 on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026.
- The Senior Championship is open to all members Aged 50 or over on 9th May 2026. (Members can qualify for both the Senior Championship and any of the other championships.)
- For all Championships members must have competed 3 qualifying scores for your Handicap Index between 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025 and 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (C Championship is between 1/1/25 & 15/3/26)

### Club Championship Qualifying

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- Qualifying will take place on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026.**
- The 16 lowest 2 round gross totals will qualify for the scratch match play stages.
- The Championship final will be played over 36 holes.
- The 16 qualifiers will be seeded 1-16 based on championship ranking and the draw will have seed 1v16 etc

### Championship Salver Qualifying

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- Qualifying will take place on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and/or Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026.**
- The scratch match play stages of the Championship Salver will be contested by the players returning the next 16 lowest single round gross scores from the 2 qualifying rounds after the qualifiers for the Club Championship have been decided. (Players may play in one or both qualifiers)
- The Championship Salver final will be played over 18 holes.
- A reserve list will be formed for the Championship Salver and used to fill any withdrawals from the knockout stages.
- The 16 qualifiers will be seeded 1-16 based on championship ranking and the draw will have seed 1v16 etc

### `B` Championship Qualifying

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- Qualifying will take place on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and/or Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026.**
- The 16 lowest single round gross scores from the 2 qualifying rounds (players may play in one or both) will qualify for the scratch match play stages.
- The `B` Championship final will be played over 18 holes.
- A reserve list will be formed for the `B` Championship and used to fill any withdrawals from the knockout stages.
- The 16 qualifiers will be seeded 1-16 based on championship ranking and the draw will have seed 1v16 etc

## Championship Senior Qualifying

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- Qualifying will take place on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and/or Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026.**
- The scratch match play stages of the Senior Championship will be contested by the players returning the 16 lowest single round gross scores from the 2 qualifying rounds. (Players may play in one or both qualifiers)
- The Championship final will be played over 18 holes. (If a member qualifies for both the Senior Championship and another Championship Final the Senior Championship Final will be on 21<sup>st</sup> June.)
- A reserve list will be formed for the Senior Championship and used to fill any withdrawals from the knockout stages.
- The 16 qualifiers will be seeded 1-16 based on championship ranking and the draw will have seed 1v16 etc

## Clarifications

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- Withdrawals from the knockout stages (For Club, Salver, B and Senior Championship) prior to 8am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> will be filled from the next highest qualifying available player and they will be given the 16<sup>th</sup> Seed and the draw adjusted
- Withdrawals from the knockout stages after 8am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> will be filled from the next highest qualifying available player and they will replace the withdrawn player
- If anyone qualifies for both B Championship & Seniors Championship and they progress to the Seniors Championship Semi-Final. To avoid a clash the Semi Final they will be play on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> if possible or Sat 7<sup>th</sup> if possible or Sun 8<sup>th</sup> (am)
- If anyone qualifies for both Seniors Championship Final and any other final. The Seniors Championship Final will be played on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June or any other mutually agreed date.

## `C' Championship (or Divotees Cup) Qualifying

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- HANDICAP INDEX of 17.0 or higher on 15th March 2026
- Open to all members aged 18 or over by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- Enter by 15th March 2026 into the Summer matchplay 'Divotees Cup'
- Round of 16 to be played on mutually agreed dates by 19<sup>th</sup> April
- Quarter Finals to be played on mutually agreed dates by 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- If more than 16 enter – top 16 by index will be selected for match play stages – the draw will be seeded by handicap index as at 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- Semi-final & Final to be played on Championship Weekend
- The `C' Championship final will be played over 18 holes.

## Count back procedure in the event of ties in the Qualifying stages

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### Club Championship

- a. the lowest second qualifying round score will count.
- b. then the lowest back nine of the second qualifying round score will count.
- c. then the lowest last 6 holes, the lowest last 3 holes and finally the lowest last hole of the second qualifying score will count.
- d. If there is still a tie, then front 9 holes, the last six holes, three holes and final hole of the first nine holes of the second qualifying score will be considered in turn

If a count back fails to produce a winner for any of the qualifying positions, a draw of lots by the Competition Committee will follow.

### 'A' Championship Salver

- a. the lowest back nine of the single qualifying round score will count.
- b. then the lowest last 6 holes, the lowest last 3 holes and finally the last hole of the qualifying round score will count.

If a count back fails to produce a winner for any of the qualifying positions, a draw of lots by the Competition Committee will follow.

### 'B' Championship

- a. the lowest back nine of the single qualifying round score will count.
- b. then the lowest last 6 holes, the lowest last 3 holes and finally the last hole of the qualifying round score will count.

If a count back fails to produce a winner for any of the qualifying positions, a draw of lots by the Competition Committee will follow.

## Draws

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General Numerical Draws for the scratch match play stages of each Championship will be performed thereafter. In each draw, the leading qualifier will be seeded number 1 and the final qualifier will be seeded number 16.

It is hoped the match play draws for all the Championships will be available on the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> May and will be posted in the clubhouse and on the Club website by noon on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

Tied matches will play 'sudden death' extra holes beginning at the 1st hole until a winner has been determined.

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The Championships will be run in accordance with the Rules of Golf as laid down by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. In the event of any disputes, the decision of the Competition Committee will be final.  
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