



Club Championships 2026

Eligibility

- 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 and lower than 17.0 on 15th 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 1st Jan 2025 and 9th May 2025 (C Championship is between 1/1/25 & 15/3/26)

Club Championship Qualifying

- Qualifying will take place on **Saturday 9th May 2026 and Saturday 23rd 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

- Qualifying will take place on **Saturday 9th May 2026 and/or Saturday 23rd 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

- Qualifying will take place on **Saturday 9th May 2026 and/or Saturday 23rd 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

- Qualifying will take place on **Saturday 9th May 2026 and/or Saturday 23rd 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 21st 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

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

`C' Championship (or Divotees Cup) Qualifying

- HANDICAP INDEX of 17.0 or higher on 15th March 2026
- Open to all members aged 18 or over by 15th March 2026
- Enter by 15th March 2026 into the Summer matchplay 'Divotees Cup'
- Round of 16 to be played on mutually agreed dates by 19th April
- Quarter Finals to be played on mutually agreed dates by 23rd 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 15th 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

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

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 23rd May and will be posted in the clubhouse and on the Club website by noon on Sunday 24th May 2026.

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

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.
