



Road to the Home of Golf Information Sheet & FAQs

Who can enter the Road to the Home of Golf Championship 2026?

Open to all players under 18 at 00:01 on 1 January 2026 and who hold a handicap index between 8.5 and 54.0.

How can the club enter?

Any club signed up for the Scottish Golf National Junior Framework will be eligible to enter. To enter and provide the date of your qualifying event, click [HERE](#). If your club is not registered for the National Junior Framework, please contact the Scottish Golf Participation Team via: juniorgolf@scottishgolf.org.

Can a player enter more than once?

No, a player may only enter one qualifying event. Players should enter the qualifying event which is run at their Home Golf Club.

Can a club hold more than one qualifier?

No, each club can only hold one qualifier, with the date of that provided via registration.

How many players can qualify per club?

This is a mixed gender event, and TWO players per club in total (ONE in each handicap division) can qualify to join a national leaderboard.

What is the closing date for applications to take part?

All clubs must have notified their intent to run a qualifier by 31 March 2026.

When should qualifying rounds take place?

Qualifying rounds should take place prior to Monday 17 August 2026, with all qualifying players submitted by Wednesday 19 August 2026.

Will all winning scores count?

All winners – whatever their score – will have their scores put on to the leaderboard. They will be thoroughly checked before they are accepted. A copy of the scorecard must be provided by a representative of the club e.g. junior organiser or club secretary. The stableford points received must be clearly written on the card.



If the winner's score is not good enough to reach the final does the club have to send in the results?

Yes, every club that holds a qualifying event must return their results. For all results received, the winner will be shown on the website, and a goody bag will be sent to all players on the leaderboard.

Is there a charge?

It is FREE to enter - no charge is made to the club by St Andrews Links Trust or Scottish Golf.

Do players require a handicap to participate?

All juniors must have a handicap index between 8.5 and 54.0. Handicaps are applicable as this is based on stableford score. All boy and girl competitors must play off tees on a course with a verified course rating.

What if there is only one girl competitor?

One girl entering alone may play alongside the boys. She plays off the relevant ladies' tees with the appropriate handicap.

We only have a nine-hole course. Is that a problem?

The competition is held over 18 holes, but you may stage a qualifier as long as the course is measured and hold a valid course rating certificate.

Are caddies permitted?

No. Parents are allowed to walk round to assist with ball searches at a respectful distance from all players.

As this is a national event will any support be provided for qualifiers?

St Andrews Links recognise the costs of attending the event for rural and remote clubs, therefore a travel bursary will be available to offset the costs involved in travelling to the event in these circumstances.

During registration clubs will be asked to indicate whether this would be beneficial for the qualifier from their club. Further information will be provided to clubs who indicate that a travel bursary would be beneficial.

When will qualifiers know that they have been successful?

All qualifiers will be contacted by Monday 7 September 2026, with the final field published by Wednesday 9 September 2026.

What happens if a player's handicap index changes between the club qualifier and the final?

All players will remain with their qualifying handicap category, based upon their handicap index at the time of entry, However, all players handicap index will be updated at registration the day prior to the Tournament, and this handicap will be used for the Final.



Who qualifies for a place in the final:

The Final – Eden Course

51 players will play in the 2026 final on the Eden Course, St Andrews Links.

Eligible for players with a handicap index between 8.5 and 19.4.

All finalists will be selected from the national leaderboard, which is compiled from the winning stableford scores returned in each club qualifying event.

The Final – Strathtyrum Course

51 players will play in the 2026 final on the Strathtyrum Course, St Andrews Links.

Eligible for players with a handicap index between 19.5 and 54.0.

All finalists will be selected from the national leaderboard, which is compiled from the winning stableford scores returned in each club qualifying event.

Should a player qualify for the final, what is the key information?

All competitors will be entitled to the following:

- Practice round on the relevant course (Eden or Strathtyrum) on Saturday 17th October
- Competition round on the relevant course (Eden or Strathtyrum) on Sunday 18th October
- Access to practice facilities prior to competition round
- Goody Bag
- Food will be provided for competitors during the day of the competition