

# The R&A Student Tour Series



## PLAYER INFORMATION PACK

2021 - 2022

### INTRODUCTION

We are delighted to launch the second year of the R&A Student Tour Series.

Taking place on prestigious world class golf courses between September 2021 and April 2022, the aim of this Series is to provide elite amateur championships to enhance high performance competition amongst the leading student golfers outside of the USA and Mexico.

Players can earn Tour Series Order of Merit points by playing in 2 or more of the 4 qualifying events taking place in Scotland, Ireland, Portugal and Spain. The top players after the Tour Series: Spain will qualify for an invitation to The R&A Student Tour Series Final in April 2022 taking place over The Castle Course, The Jubilee Course and Dumbarrie Links.

Every event on this year's R&A Student Tour Series takes place over a golf course that has hosted a European Tour event or European Tour Qualifying event, Ladies European Tour event, Open Final Qualifying, or The Open.

### THE AIMS OF THE TOUR SERIES

1. Further raise the profile of student golf opportunities across Europe.
2. To deliver more regular quality competition alongside maintaining a solid BUCS Golf Tour operated by BUCS and SSS and Irish Students competition schedule.
3. To support students who attend a University in Europe that does not have a golf programme and, students based in Europe who receive an R&A Foundation Scholarship, to access higher level competition.

## TOUR SERIES EVENTS 2021 -202

Event, Host & Venue	Practice Round	Competition Days	Field Size
<b>R&amp;A Student Tour Series - Scotland</b> (hosted by the Stirling International)  @ Fairmont St Andrews (Torrance Course), Fife	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	117 players
<b>R&amp;A Student Tour Series - Ireland</b>  @ Carton House (Montgomerie Course), Maynooth, County Kildare	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>	75 players  (54 male / 21 female)
<b>R&amp;A Student Tour Series - Portugal</b>  @ Troia, Troia Peninsula, 55km south of Lisbon	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2022	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	75 players  (54 male / 21 female)
<b>R&amp;A Student Tour Series - Spain</b>  @ Infinitum, Spain	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>	75 players  (54 male / 21 female)
<b>R&amp;A Student Tour Series Final - St Andrews</b> (hosted by The R&A Scholars Tournament)  @ Jubilee Course, Castle Course and Dumbarnie Links	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>  Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Round 1: The Jubilee Course  Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> - Round 2: Dumbarnie Links  Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> - Round 3: The Castle Course	60 players  (43 male / 17 female)



## 1. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a) A male or female player who turns at least 18 of age on 1st day of January or at any time thereafter in the year of the Championship is eligible to compete.
- b) A male or female player of any age is eligible to compete, provided that the entrant is a fully registered student and the holder of a student card for the institution with which they are internally registered.

AND

- c) is pursuing a course of study that is equivalent to 30 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits per annum and results in an award at the minimum academic levels or equivalent below
  - i. Level 4 on the Framework for higher education qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (FHEQ).
  - ii. Level 7 on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF).
  - iii. Level 6 on the Qualification Framework of the European Higher Education Area (QF-EHEA).
  - iv. Where the course is a postgraduate course which is not credit rated, no less than 50% of the full-time student programme.
- d) Any student who has been accepted and is due to enrol in an applicable course as set out above in the forthcoming academic semester, and commencing study not later than 31 October in the year of the event shall be eligible to compete on the proviso that such eligibility is confirmed by his/her college administrator.
- e) Students eligible to compete in the BUCS Student Tour, and those enrolled in overseas third-level institutions who are invited to participate by the GUI and ILGU are eligible to represent a College.

f) Special Cases

The following individuals are classified as eligible to participate:

- i. A sabbatical officer of an Athletic Union or equivalent
- ii. A student satisfactorily finishing their course of study after the start of December will be eligible until the end of the academic year provided their institution still classifies them as a registered student.
- iii. Satisfactorily finishing a course of study is not when a student graduates, but is deemed to be when their teaching, research and/or examinations are completed.
- iv. Suspension of studies is not classed as satisfactorily finishing a course of study. Any student who has their studies suspended must wait until their studies recommence to compete again.
- v. A student embarking on a Sandwich Course and/or Study Abroad Course is eligible during this time provided all of the following:
  - i. The duration of the placement/course in industry and/or study abroad is 1 year or less.

- ii. If the duration is more than 1 year, then the student will be deemed ineligible after the passing of the 12-month mark.
- vi. A student doing a Study Abroad Course (e.g. Erasmus) is eligible during this time provided that they and their study programme meet the requirements of the other Eligibility Criteria above.

**a) STUDENT RECIPIENTS OF AN R&A FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

- a) Student golfers who do receive an R&A Scholarship are strongly encouraged to compete in at least 2 of the 5 Tour Series events in 2021/22.
- b) The Tour Series is also open to players who are not in receipt of an R&A Foundation Scholarship.

**b) REGISTERING FOR THE TOUR SERIES**

By entering an R&A Student Tour Series event, you are automatically entered into the Student Tour Series.

## **c) ENTERING INDIVIDUAL TOUR SERIES EVENTS**

### a) Entry Fees

- i. Entry fees for all Tour Series events is £85.
- ii. At all events there will be a concessionary practice round rate available for all players.

### b) Withdrawals

- i. If you withdraw before the Closing Date, 100% of your entry will be refunded.
- ii. No refunds will be offered for withdrawals after the Closing Date.

### c) Entering an Individual Tour Series Event

All Tour Series Events will be entered through GolfBox. Please use the following links for entering Tour Series events.

- Enter the **R&A Student Tour Series: Scotland (BUCS registered students)**  
To apply for this competition:
  1. Competitor to complete competition application on [BUCS Play](#)
  2. Institution administrator approves entry
  3. BUCS approves/denies entry into competition and publishes confirmed entry list.Contact for enquiries: [ryan.koolen@bucs.org.uk](mailto:ryan.koolen@bucs.org.uk)  
**Closing Date for Entries:** 23:59 Tuesday 31st August 2021
  
- Enter the **R&A Student Tour Series: Scotland (non-BUCS registered students. E.g. Students from non-GB&I higher education institutions)**  
Please follow the steps outlined [HERE](#).  
**Closing Date for Entries:** 23:59 Tuesday 31st August 2021
  
- Enter the **R&A Student Tour Series: Ireland (all entrants)**  
- <https://tourentry.golfbox.dk/?cid=3068440>  
Contact for enquiries: [NickiOxlade@randa.org](mailto:NickiOxlade@randa.org)  
**Closing Date for Entries:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 23:59  
**NOTE:** In the event of the field not being full on this date, we will take enquiries for further entries.
  
- Enter the **R&A Student Tour Series: Portugal (all entrants)**  
<https://tourentry.golfbox.dk/?cid=3068441>  
Contact for enquiries: [NickiOxlade@randa.org](mailto:NickiOxlade@randa.org)  
**Closing Date for Entries:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 23:59.
  
- Enter the **R&A Student Tour Series: Spain (all entrants)**  
<https://tourentry.golfbox.dk/?cid=3068485>  
Contact for enquiries: [NickiOxlade@randa.org](mailto:NickiOxlade@randa.org)  
**Closing Date for Entries:** 23rd January 2022 at 23:59

## **5. HOW THE FIELD IS DETERMINED FOR TOUR SERIES EVENTS**

The starting field for all Tour Series events will be 75 players (54 male / 21 female), with the exception of the R&A Tour Series - Scotland (hosted by The Stirling International). This event will be a co-sanctioned event with a bigger field size.

### **EXEMPTION CATEGORIES**

- a) Exemptions (guaranteed entry) into Student Tour Series events will be offered, in order of sequence of the following list, to entrants of Student Tour Series events:
1. Member of any previous Curtis Cup or Walker Cup Team.
  2. Member of any previous Palmer Cup Team.
  3. Top 5 Men and Women in respective final R&A Student Tour Series Order of Merit positions from the previous season.
  4. Winner of any R&A Student Tour Series event within the current Tour Series season.
  5. Players receiving an International cap (representing home country) in the past 24 months, at U18 or Senior level.
  6. Winner of a National Order of Merit event in player's home country in the past 24 months, at U18 or Senior level.
  7. Top 5 Men and Women in respective 2019/20 BUCS Golf Tour Order of Merits.
  8. Winner of an Irish Student Championship in 2020.
  9. Men finishing in the Top 10 and Women finishing in the Top 5 in any one of the previous R&A Student Tour Series events within the same Tour Series season.
- b) After allocating places to competitors under Condition a), the starting field will be completed in order of WAGR and then, after that by handicap at Tour Series event Closing Date.
- c) The R&A Golf Development Committee reserves the right to exempt a player.
- d) Unsuccessful entrants will be given the opportunity to compete in the event of withdrawals. The reserve list will be in order of those unsuccessful entrants within the WAGR listing 1-2000 at close of entries, and thereafter by handicap.

### **EXEMPTIONS LIST**

A listing of all players who have an exemption into R&A Student Tour Series events based on Exemption Categories a) 1-9 above will be available prior to the first Tour Series event and updated after each event throughout the season.

## **6. CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR TOUR SERIES EVENTS**



a) Practice Rounds

At all events in the Tour Series, including the Tour Series Final, players will have the option of booking a practice round the day before competition starts, at a concessionary rate.

b) Tournament Rounds

All Tour Series events including the Tour Series Final will be held over 54 holes played over 3 days, with no cut.

c) Starting Field Size

**i. Tour Series Scotland**

The first event in the R&A Tour Series, will be a co-sanctioned event hosted by The Stirling International. This event will have a bigger field size of 117 players.

**ii. Tour Series Ireland, Portugal, Spain**

All events will have a starting field of 75 players (54 male / 21 female).

**iii. Tour Series Final (Scotland)**

The Tour Series Final will have a starting field of 117. Places will be offered to male golfers occupying places 1-40 and female golfers occupying places 1-15 on the R&A Student Tour Series after the Tour Series Portugal event. The final 3 male and 2 female spots in the field will be offered to R&A Golf Development Committee selections, then if not filled, will be offered to male golfers occupying places 41-43 and female golfers occupying places 16-17 on the R&A Student Tour Series after the Tour Series Portugal event.

d) Reserve List

There will be a Reserve List for each event.

e) World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR)

This event has been approved by the WAGR™ Committee as a Counting Event for both men and women (subject to meeting eligibility criteria).

f) British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) Order of Merit Points

All R&A Student Tour Series events are approved by BUCS as counting events, awarding BUCS Order of Merit points.

g) Photography & Filming at Tour Series Events

During R&A Student Tour Series events various filming, photography and broadcasting may take place. You will be asked to review and sign the R&A Photography and Video Consent Form before participating.

h) Cancellation of Tour Series Event (qualifier)

Should an R&A Student Tour Series Event qualifier be required to be cancelled, all participants would be notified and entry fee refunds provided.

i) Cancellation of Tour Series Final

In the event that the R&A Student Tour Series Final be cancelled, all participants will be notified and order of merit positions from the last qualifying event to take place will stand.

## 7. TOUR SERIES ORDER OF MERIT

- a) Players can earn Tour Series Order of Merit points by playing in 2 or more of the 4 qualifying events taking place in Scotland, Ireland, Portugal and Spain. The top players after the Tour Series: Spain will qualify for The R&A Student Tour Series Final in April 2021 taking place over The Castle and Jubilee Course in St Andrews and Dumbarnie Links (at what was previously The R&A Scholars Tournament).
- b) Players will be ranked according to their performance in each R&A Student Tour Series event. Order of Merit points will be awarded on the basis of final scratch positions at each event.
- c) The R&A Scholars Tournament will conclude the R&A Student Tour Series and act as the Tour Series Final. In the Tour Series Final players will be awarded 2 x Order of Merit points for their final placings.
- d) Order of Merit points for the first four Tour Series events and for The Tour Series Final will be awarded as shown in the tables in Section 8. The difference in points awarded for Men and Women is necessary in order to offer a fair reflection and opportunity for players based on the comparative field sizes.
- e) Ties - Individual Tour Series Events
  - i. In the event of a tie for any players in the top 20 male and top 10 female (excluding 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place - see point iv. below) positions at an individual Tour Series event, players on tied scores will be awarded the same points, by the points for their final placings being added together and divided amongst the number of players tied on that score.
  - ii. The only exception to this will be in the case of a tie for first place, in which case a play-off will have determined the winner, who will receive the full points for first place.
  - iii. All players losing in a play-off will receive an equal number of Order of Merit points using the procedure e) i. above to calculate.
  - iv. In the event of a tie for any players in the prize winning positions (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed male, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed female), the prizes will be determined by countback, using best final round score, then best last 36 hole score, then best last nine holes score.
- f) Ties - Tour Series Order of Merit
  - a) In the event of a tie for the overall R&A Student Tour Series Order of Merit, the finishing position in the Tour Series Final will determine the overall winner of the Tour Series Order of Merit.

## 8. TOUR SERIES ORDER OF MERIT POINTS

a) Men's Standard Tour Series Event: Points Awarded (Scotland, Ireland, Portugal, Spain)

Finishing Position	Order of Merit Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	120
2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
3 <sup>rd</sup>	90
4 <sup>th</sup>	85
5 <sup>th</sup>	80
6 <sup>th</sup>	75
7 <sup>th</sup>	70
8 <sup>th</sup>	65
9 <sup>th</sup>	60
10 <sup>th</sup>	55

Finishing Position	Order of Merit Points
11 <sup>th</sup>	50
12 <sup>th</sup>	45
13 <sup>th</sup>	40
14 <sup>th</sup>	35
15 <sup>th</sup>	30
16 <sup>th</sup>	25
17 <sup>th</sup>	20
18 <sup>th</sup>	15
19 <sup>th</sup>	10
20 <sup>th</sup>	5

b) Men's Tour Series Final (Dumbarnie Links, Jubilee & Castle Course): **Double** Points Awarded

Finishing Position	Order of Merit Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	240
2 <sup>nd</sup>	200
3 <sup>rd</sup>	180
4 <sup>th</sup>	170
5 <sup>th</sup>	160
6 <sup>th</sup>	150
7 <sup>th</sup>	140
8 <sup>th</sup>	130
9 <sup>th</sup>	120
10 <sup>th</sup>	110

Finishing Position	Order of Merit Points
11 <sup>th</sup>	100
12 <sup>th</sup>	90
13 <sup>th</sup>	80
14 <sup>th</sup>	70
15 <sup>th</sup>	60
16 <sup>th</sup>	50
17 <sup>th</sup>	40
18 <sup>th</sup>	30
19 <sup>th</sup>	20
20 <sup>th</sup>	10

c) Women's Standard Tour Series Event: Points Awarded (Scotland, Ireland, Portugal, Ireland)

Finishing Position	Order of Merit Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	100
2 <sup>nd</sup>	80
3 <sup>rd</sup>	70
4 <sup>th</sup>	60
5 <sup>th</sup>	50
6 <sup>th</sup>	40
7 <sup>th</sup>	30
8 <sup>th</sup>	20
9 <sup>th</sup>	10
10 <sup>th</sup>	5

d) Women's Tour Series Final (Jubilee, Castle Course, Dumbarrie Links): **Double** Points Awarded

Finishing Position	Order of Merit Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	200
2 <sup>nd</sup>	160
3 <sup>rd</sup>	140
4 <sup>th</sup>	120
5 <sup>th</sup>	100
6 <sup>th</sup>	80
7 <sup>th</sup>	60
8 <sup>th</sup>	40
9 <sup>th</sup>	20
10 <sup>th</sup>	10

## 9. VIEWING YOUR ORDER OF MERIT POINTS

Players will be able to view their position on the Order of Merit at any time via GolfBox by following the Live Scoring links which will be provided after the first Tour Series event.