





2023 Competitor Information

Dear Competitor,

We warmly welcome you to the 2023 Boyd Quaich Memorial Golf Tournament, which is considered one of the most prestigious events in the university golfing calendar.

This esteemed tournament is held over the Old and New Courses in St Andrews and is a tribute to the legacy of two St Andrews students who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II. Since its inception in 1946, the tournament has consistently fostered a sense of camaraderie and goodwill among golfers from all over the world.

To ensure that you have a pleasant and enjoyable experience, we strongly recommend that you carefully review the information provided below. This will enable you to have a thorough understanding of the tournament's regulations, itinerary, and other crucial details that will significantly enhance your overall experience.

Conditions of Competition

All competitors should be amateur golfers and current students (or very recently graduated in 2023)

Making the cut

Thirty players contest the two final rounds. In the event of a tie, places will be decided by aggregating the scores of both qualifying rounds for 1) the inward halves 2) last six holes 3) last three holes 4) last two holes 5) last hole.

Winning score

The winning score will be the best scratch aggregate for all four rounds. In the event of a tie the winner will be decided by their score in 1) the final round 2) the inward half of the final round 3) the last six holes of the final round 3) the last three holes of the final round 4) the last two holes of the final round 5) the last hole of the final round. 6) hole comparison "matchplay style" of the final round. Due to Links Trust tee time restrictions on The Old Course, there will be no play off.

Speed of play

To ensure a smooth pace of play, we encourage participants to practice "Ready Golf." Additionally, we request that all players treat par 5's as call-up holes, where appropriate. To assist with the pace of play, volunteers and St Andrews Links rangers will be available on the course. Please follow any on-course instructions given to you and strive to keep up with the group in front of you.

Distance measuring devices (Lasers)

Automatic distance measuring devices can be used during the tournament. However, such devices must measure distance only; they should not measure slope, wind speed or temperature.

Referee

To ensure smooth proceedings during the tournament, we will have a designated tournament referee. We also add you to the tournament a WhatsApp group during the registration process, this will help communicate any issues that may arise. This way, we can promptly address any concerns and make sure that the tournament runs as smoothly as possible.

Local Rules

Local rules will be provided to all competitors prior to play. This will confirm any areas of the course that need highlighted.

Other Key Information

How to get to St Andrews (public transport)

Edinburgh is the nearest airport to St Andrews. From the airport, you can take the "Jet 747" bus service to Inverkeithing Railway Station and then take a train North to Leuchars, (4 miles from St Andrews) followed by a bus or taxi to St Andrews. Alternatively, you can catch a tram from the airport to Edinburgh Gateway, followed by a train to Leuchars.

Accommodation

It is the players' responsibility to arrange their own lodging for the week. The University of St Andrews offers some standard and higher-quality lodging options, which can be found at this link: <u>https://bnb.st-andrews.ac.uk/resbus/bnb/</u> or emailing <u>aceteam@st-andrews.ac.uk</u>. By using the promotional code CONF23, players can receive a discount on the room rate.

Registration

Registration for participants will occur at the bottom foyer of The Links Clubhouse, starting at 1 PM on Monday, June 26th. This is because the R&A clubhouse will not be open. It is mandatory for all players to complete registration at least half an hour prior to their tee time on the first day of play. The locker room facilities at the Links Clubhouse are available for use by the competitors.

Player Information during the tournament

The tournament will be run from the downstairs foyer of Links Clubhouse. All information will be found there, and online.

You can access information regarding tee times by visiting the following link: Tee Times

You can find the link to the online leaderboard here: Leaderboard

Recording

Recording for the New Course and the Old Course will be completed in the Links Clubhouse's downstairs foyer. There will be no scoreboard, but a live leaderboard will be available online via GolfBox.

Scorecards

Scorecards will be issued by the starter at the appropriate course. You must return your scorecard immediately at the end of each round to the recorder in the Links Clubhouse.

Tournament scoring

To ensure live scoring is up-to-date, players will be required to participate by submitting their scores via Golfbox during their rounds. To do this, please access the following link on your mobile device: <u>https://s.golfbox.dk/login/</u> and input the seven-digit code that will be sent to you via email prior to the tournament. Additionally, the code will be made available by the starter and in the clubhouse for your convenience.

Representation

You are representing your institution whilst competing in the Boyd Quaich. The flag next to your name will be dictated by the country of your institution, not your nationality.

Practice rounds

A limited number of practice round times on The New Course are available on Monday the 26th of June from 14:00-15:28. Please note that pace of play is still important, and you may be joined by other Boyd Quaich competitors to make 4 balls if required. Competitors are advised to book practice tee times through The St Andrews Links Trust by emailing Greig Dochard <u>greig.dochard@standrews.com</u>

Practice rounds will be available to book from Wednesday 13th of June

Note practice rounds on The New Course will be allocated first come, first served. Practice rounds on The Old Course are not included as part of the tournament.

Practice Facilities

The Links Golf Academy will be available for all competitors from 0600 – 2000 throughout the tournament. During tournament rounds competitors will be allowed 30 free balls prior to each round, with free access to the short-game area and putting greens.

Start Times

On Tuesday 27th June, the first round of the competition will take place between 1330 and 1520, during which all competitors will play. The draw for the first round will be made available online the week prior to the competition.

Competition Format

The tournament is a Scratch 72-hole Strokeplay tournament and will be eligible for WAGR (World Amateur Golf Ranking) points. All competitors play one round over the Old Course and one over the New Course, the field being split and both courses played simultaneously. The top thirty competitors (no ties) then play the third round over the New Course and the fourth round over the Old Course. The third-round draw will be available as soon as possible after the cut on Wednesday lunch time. The fourth round will be available on Wednesday evening.

Round	Date	Start Time	Course
1st	Tuesday 27 th June	1328-1520	Old & New Course
2nd	Wednesday 28th June	0700-0850	Old & New Course
3rd	Wednesday 28th June	1528-1640	New Course
4th	Thursday 29th June	0700-0830	Old Course
Consolation Stableford	Thursday 29 th June	0752-0832	New Course

Consolation Stableford

A non-counting Stableford competition will be arranged for those who do not qualify for the final rounds. This will be played over the New Course on Thursday 29th June from 0752-0832. To take part you must sign up at the recording desk in the Links Clubhouse on Wednesday afternoon before the end of the 3rd round. Not all players who fail to make the cut can be accommodated so please sign up early if you wish to play.

Course Guides

Course Guides for both courses will be provided free of charge. They will be given to you at your practice round, or on the tee ahead of your first round.

Caddies & trolleys

Trolleys will be permitted on both courses. If you would like to hire a battery powered trolley (£20) you can book via email to <u>greig.dochard@standrews.com</u>. Players are permitted to use a caddie. Any requests should be directed to the Caddie Department via email <u>caddie@standrews.com</u>.

Green fees

Competitors do not pay green fees for rounds played during the competition at the times indicated above.

Presentation lunch

The University of St Andrews cordially invite all contestants to attend the presentation lunch on Thursday, June 29th, immediately following the final round. The dress code for the event is Smart Golf attire, and golf shoes are not permitted. The lunch is expected to conclude by 1430 at the latest. Additional information will be provided closer to the tournament date.

Social Media

Don't forget to stay updated with all the latest news and updates regarding the Boyd Quaich Memorial Golf Tournament by following us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. And while you're at it, show your support by using our official hashtag, #BoydQuaich2023, in your posts. We can't wait to see your pictures and hear about your experiences at the event!

Questions/comments

We hope that you relish the opportunity to participate in the Boyd Quaich Tournament and find your visit to St Andrews to be both fruitful and gratifying. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly if you have any inquiries or feedback before or after the tournament.

We would like to wish you the best of luck in the tournament.

Kind regards

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