



2024 GolfRSA Race to the R&A 9 Hole Challenge at Royal Troon

Official Terms and Conditions

30 November 2023

1. General

- The purpose of the GolfRSA Race to the R&A 9 Hole Challenge is designed to encourage the playing of more golf through more people playing more 9-hole round more often.
- The competition will run from 1 December 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- Each golf club will determine the types of 9-hole events / competitions that will make up the qualifying process to be followed at their specific club.
- The names of two players from each registered golf club will be provided to GolfRSA and entered into the Regional Final stage which will be held on a Lucky Draw basis.
- The winners of the Regional Final stage Lucky Draws in each of the fourteen Golf Unions will be invited to contest the National Final at a venue to be announced.
- The top two performing golfers at the all-expenses paid National Final will win a prize package, including the opportunity to play at The R&A 9 Hole Challenge at Royal Troon in July 2024.

Support your Golf Club and have a fun time playing 9!

2. Eligibility

- The GolfRSA Race to the R&A 9 Hole Challenge is open to anyone who is a paid-up member of a South African Golf Club that is affiliated to GolfRSA and who has an active official handicap on the Handicap Network Africa system.
- To enter, you must simply follow the process implemented at your golf club and play in the relevant 9-hole events.
- Employees of GolfRSA and any of the 14 Golf Unions in South Africa are not eligible to enter.
- Only 9-hole rounds are eligible; an 18-hole round may not be “divided” into two separate 9-hole rounds.
- Golfers need to be 18 years of age or older.
- Golf Clubs need to complete and return the Club Registration Form to the Project Manager (paul@golfnotions.co.za) by **12th January 2024**

3. Format

- The R&A 9 Hole Challenge is an Individual 9-hole competition although the winning two golfers will play together as a Team at Royal Troon.
- If a Golf Club runs “pairs” events that is fine as long as it is clearly understood that the winning pair will be split and proceed in the GolfRSA Race to the R&A 9 Hole Challenge as individuals.
- The different stages of the GolfRSA Race to the R&A 9 Hole Challenge are as follows:

Club Qualifying

- It is entirely up to the respective golf clubs as to how they structure the qualifying process at their golf club but any qualifying competitions are to be over 9-holes.

(See Rules of the GolfRSA Race to the R&A 9 Hole Challenge for examples of format and structure options.)

Regional Final Stage

- The Regional Final stage – this will be a Lucky Draw in all 14 Regions or Unions.
- The structure of the Regional Final stage was the subject of market research and reasons for a Lucky Draw format include:
 - Geography of South Africa and distances to travel to “golf-playing” Regional Finals in many Regions.
 - Costs for players and logistics and timing of running “golf-playing” Regional Finals in 14 Union Regions.

National Final

- The lucky winners from the fourteen Regional Final stage Lucky Draws will be invited to contest the National Final at a venue to be announced.
- The following expenses will be covered for each player attending the National Final:
 - Reasonable travel costs to and from the venue for people needing to travel more than 150 kilometres each way.
 - Accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis for a minimum of two nights.
 - Golf green fees. (Caddies and carts are for the players’ own costs.)
 - Catering for lunch and dinner during the event.

4. Winning the GolfRSA Race to the R&A 9 Hole Challenge

- The top two performing golfers at the GolfRSA Race to the R&A 9 Hole Challenge National Final in South Africa will win the R&A Grand Prize.
- The R&A Grand Prize is an invitation to attend and participate in the R&A 9 Hole Challenge Final at Troon, Scotland.
- The R&A 9 Hole Challenge Final is played on The Open Championship course on the Friday prior to The Open.
- It is contested by competitors from Great Britain & Ireland, Australia & New Zealand, and South Africa was included from 2023. Two golfers from South Africa are therefore invited to play in the 2024 R&A 9 Hole Challenge Final at Royal Troon Golf Club.
- The two successful golfers will win the following:
 - 4 nights’ B&B accommodation – Players may bring a guest, but any additional charges would be at players’ own cost.
 - All reasonable return travel costs to Royal Troon venue – for the two players only.
 - 2 x tickets per player to 2 practice days and 2 championship days of The Open.
 - Welcome Reception and Final Dinner.
 - Travel to/from the hotel/club for the Final and the Dinner.
 - Goody bag.

Note: *The details of the R&A Grand Prize are to be confirmed by the R&A but are likely to be similar to the 2023 R&A Grand Prize.*

- Additional contribution from GolfRSA to include:
 - Refund for the cost of a short-stay visa to the UK.
 - A daily subsistence allowance per day for 5 days.
 - Some additional funding support towards costs associated with staying for The Open Championships.

4.1 Conditions of Attending the R&A 9 Hole Challenge Final at Troon, Scotland

- The top two performing players at the GolfRSA Race to the R&A 9 Hole Challenge National Final 2024 will be eligible to attend the R&A 9 Hole Challenge Final at Royal Troon in Scotland if they meet the following criteria:
 - GolfRSA affiliated member with a handicap with HNA (no handicap limit.)
 - South African citizen / passport holder.
 - Adult of over 18 years of age.
 - Be in possession of a passport valid for 6 months after return date of travel (end Jan 2025) (A copy will need to be provided at the National Final.)

5. Communication

- Communication will primarily be via email with:
 - The Registered Golf Clubs.
 - The players who win prizes in the various Regional Final stage Lucky Draws.
 - The National Finalists.
 - The two Grand Prize winners.
- There may be a need to contact the above via the cell phone numbers provided.
- All players entered into the Regional Final stage Lucky Draws by their Golf Clubs will automatically have their email address and cell phone number provided by the golf club to the competition Project Managers unless they declare that all communication should be via a designated person at their golf club.
- Copies of GolfRSA Race to the R&A 9 Hole Challenge Terms and Conditions as well as the Rules of the Competition and selected additional information will be available on the GolfRSA website. (www.golfrsa.com)

6. Substitutions

National Final

- In the event of a player being unable to compete in the National Final, the first person in the Regional Final stage Lucky Draw to have missed out on a National Final place will be offered the opportunity to attend the National Final.

The R&A 9 Hole Challenge Final at Troon, Scotland.

- In the event of a player(s) being unable to attend the R&A 9 Hole Challenge Final at Troon, the next best-placed available person/s from the National Final will be invited.

Contact Details:

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