R&A AFRICA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

ROYAL JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

3 – 6 February 2027

Closing date for entries: Thursday 26 November 2026

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. ENTRIES

a) By submitting an entry for the Africa Amateur Championship (the "**Championship**") you are entering into an agreement with R&A Championships Limited (Company number SC247047), having its registered office at Beach House, Golf Place, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9JA ("**The R&A**") and you agree to be bound by these Terms of Competition. It is the responsibility of each player to ensure they have read and comply with these Terms of Competition.

b) The Championship shall be open to male players, non-binary players, transgender women and women with differences in sexual development (46 XY DSD) who:

i) are from a country in Africa with a National Golf Association or Federation affiliated to The R&A, authorised to adopt manage and maintain the World Handicap System™ (WHS) within their jurisdiction ("**R&A Global Golf Alliance Partner**");

ii) are members of a golf club affiliated to an R&A Global Golf Alliance Partner;

iii) have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Rules of Amateur Status as published by R&A Rules Limited and the USGA, and who are also either: (a) ranked within the Men's WAGR® listing (see wagr.com) at date of entry, or (b) hold a current Handicap Index® based on ratings for men of not more than 5.4 at date of entry, as issued by an Authorised Handicapping Body. Entrants that are relying on the handicap criteria set out above but who do not hold a Handicap Index® must hold a current equivalent exact handicap, as issued by a recognised Handicap Authority, that would demonstrate an equivalent playing ability to a Handicap Index® based on ratings for men of not more than 5.4 at date of entry; and

iv) are eligible to represent their national team.

c) Players holding both a Handicap Index® and a handicap issued by a recognised Handicap Authority, must enter the Championship using their Handicap Index®. The penalty for failure to enter the Championship in compliance with this section 1(c) is disqualification.

d) The R&A reserves the right to refuse any entry, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry where, in its reasonable opinion, there is evidence to suggest that the player's Handicap Index® or equivalent exact handicap does not reflect their demonstrated ability. Please note that The R&A may contact your current or previous home club, National Golf Association or Federation to request your full handicap record.

e) One entry per player must be submitted electronically via randa.org and must be received by close of entries i.e., 23:59 hrs GMT on Thursday 26 November 2026. Entries by telephone will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that their online entry is completed successfully, and all contact details are accurate. If an entrant withdraws before or after close of entries, their withdrawal is final and re-entry will not be permitted.

f) The exact handicap/Handicap Index® certified at date of entry will be used for all purposes. i.e. no change of handicap will be accepted, even if prior to close of entries. Where an entry is made using the entrant's Centralised Database Handicap (CDH) number from the country of origin, it is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that their exact handicap/Handicap Index® is up to date. For an entry to be accepted that has not been made using a CDH, the entrant is required to upload handicap certification as instructed during the online entry process. Failure to upload handicap certification will result in an entry being rejected.

g) Acceptance of an online entry or being ranked within WAGR® at date of entry does not guarantee a place in the starting field. Entrants successful in gaining a place in the starting field will be advised after close of entries.

h) All entries are subject to the approval of the Committee, which reserves the right to disqualify any person making a false statement in their online entry and/or to accept or refuse or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reasons for its decision.

i) All players must participate in the Championship in its entirety. Failure to do so may result in future entries being rejected.

j) All players should comply with the Anti-Doping provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy. Details of the Policy, and the current List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation's website (www.igfgolf.org). Entrants who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from The R&A or their National Anti-Doping Organisation knowing that, should a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) be required, an application must be submitted not later than 30 days before the start of the Championship.

2. FORMAT

a) The starting field will comprise 72 players. Any player named in one of the following categories will be allocated a place in the starting field of the Championship subject to their online entry being submitted on or before close of entries and meeting the minimum entry requirements for entry as laid out in section 1(b):

i) Winners of the Africa Amateur Championship 2024 – 2026.

ii) The top two entrants in the WAGR® listing on completion of WAGR® week 2026/45 (published on Wednesday 11 November 2026) from each country in Africa with a National Golf Association or Federation affiliated to The R&A.

If an eligible country has only one player in the WAGR® listing on completion of WAGR® week 2026/45, the R&A Global Golf Alliance Partner for that country will receive only one place and will not be able to nominate any additional players.

If an eligible country does not have a player in the WAGR® listing on completion of WAGR® week 2026/45, the applicable R&A Global Golf Alliance Partner may nominate the current National Amateur Champion for that country, provided that:

- where the National Amateur Champion is not from a country in Africa, the top-placed African player in the National Amateur Championship will be nominated by the applicable R&A Global Golf Alliance Partner to the Committee for approval; and
- where a country has no National Amateur Champion, the applicable R&A Global Golf Alliance Partner may nominate a player from their country to the Committee for approval. In such circumstances, to ensure the field for the Championship is the strongest possible, the Committee will require evidence from the R&A Global Golf Alliance Partner in support of its nomination.

iii) The top 3 players in the individual competition of the 2026 All Africa Junior Golf Team Championship.

iv) The top 3 players in the individual competition of the 2026 All Africa Golf Team Championship.

Ties in categories (iii) and (iv) will be decided by the lowest score in the last round of the applicable championship. If a tie still arises, a card countback will use the back 9 holes or 6 or 3 or 1 hole and, if a tie still arises, the last 6 or 3 or 1 hole of the front 9 holes. If a tie still arises the same card countback will be used for prior rounds of the applicable championship.

v) Up to 3 players, at the sole discretion of the Committee, from The R&A's Africa High Performance Programme.

b) The Committee reserves the right to invite any player who meets the minimum entry requirements contained in section 1(b) to participate in the Championship. The Committee may rescind invitations at any time without giving reasons for its decision. The composition of the starting field will be determined at the sole discretion of the Committee.

c) After allocating places to players under sections 2(a) and 2(b), the remaining places in the starting field will be awarded to players with the highest position in the Men's WAGR® listing on completion of WAGR® week 2026/45 and, if still incomplete, by using the Handicap Index®/equivalent exact handicap of entrants at date of entry. Unsuccessful entrants will be given the opportunity to compete in the event of withdrawals and shall be placed on a reserve list. The reserve list will be in order of unsuccessful entrants within the WAGR® listing on completion of WAGR® week 2026/45, and thereafter by Handicap Index®/equivalent exact handicap of entrants at date of entry.

d) The maximum number of players from any eligible country, except the host country, will be 8. The maximum number of players from the host country will be 12. When utilising reserves, these maximum numbers may be extended or reduced at the sole discretion of the Committee.

e) A player who fails to give The R&A notice of their withdrawal by close of registration or who is absent from the Championship without giving The R&A notice of their withdrawal will have their entries to all R&A Championships rejected for the next calendar year. Exceptions may be made in the case of sickness and other special circumstances at the

discretion of the Committee. If an entrant withdraws before or after close of entries, their withdrawal is final, and re-entry is not permitted.

f) Any player who is required to obtain a travel visa or other authorisation to enter the host country and compete in the Championship must have secured such documentation no later than 11 days prior to the first round of the Championship (by 23:59 GMT on Friday 22 January 2027). Players must be able to provide satisfactory evidence of compliance with this requirement to The R&A on request. Failure to obtain the necessary visa or authorisation within the specified timeframe, or failure to provide evidence of such documentation when requested, may result in the player's withdrawal from the Championship.

g) Players must register at the venue with The R&A no later than Tuesday 2 February 2027. Any player failing to register will be withdrawn.

h) The Championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules as approved by the Committee.

i) Any player who believes they are eligible to use the Modification for Players with Disabilities (Rule 25) should contact amateurentries@randa.org at entry to confirm their eligibility to use the specific modifications in Rule 25.

j) Model Local Rule G-10 in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf is in effect. In making a stroke, the player must not use a club, except for a putter, which exceeds 46 inches in length.

k) Model Local Rule G-12 is in effect. Under this MLR, a player must not use any written, printed, or electronic materials to help with reading the line of play for a stroke to be made from on the putting green. While any other use of a yardage book is allowed (such as a player making a note as to what club they used on an approach shot), to avoid any doubt a player should not look at their yardage book or any other material when the ball is on the putting green. If a player breaches this Local Rule, they will receive a general penalty for the first breach and disqualification for the second breach.

l) The Model Local Rules (MLRs) in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads (MLR G-1), Conforming Golf Balls (MLR G-3) and Groove and Punch Mark Specifications (MLR G-2).

m) Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. A player must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Committee. The R&A will only consider requests for use of motorised transportation where: (i) the player making the request has a qualifying medical impairment; and (ii) the player can demonstrate that there is a medical need for transportation that results from that qualifying medical impairment. All requests must be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in The R&A's Transportation Policy, available on request from The R&A.

n) All players are prohibited from having a caddie during a round.

o) The use of electric trolleys is not permitted. Pull trolleys will be available courtesy of The R&A.

p) A copy of The R&A's Pace of Play Policy will be posted at the Championship venue and will be available on request.

q) The Championship will be decided by stroke play over four rounds of 18 holes. One draw will be made for the first two rounds and individual draws will be made for the third and fourth rounds. The 40 lowest scores over the 36 holes and ties for 40th place will qualify for the final two rounds. If a player who has posted a qualifying score after 36 holes withdraws before or after the draw for the third round is made, that player's score will still be used to calculate the leading 40 places and ties that will determine the cut mark. The pairings and starting times for round 3 shall be determined by the 36-hole total and the players with the lowest scores shall start last. The same principle will apply for the final round.

r) In the event of a tie after four rounds, the winner of the Championship will be decided by a hole by hole play-off to take place immediately over holes determined by the Committee. All other ties will be decided by card count back using the lowest score in the last round of the Championship. If a tie still arises, a card countback will use the back 9 holes or 6 or 3 or 1 hole and, if a tie still arises, the last 6 or 3 or 1 hole of the front 9 holes. If a tie still arises the same card countback will be used for prior rounds of the Championship.

3. PRIZES

The winner will become the Africa Amateur Champion and will receive the Championship Trophy and a gold medal. The runner-up will receive a silver medal and the player in third place will receive a bronze medal.

4. GENERAL

a) The R&A will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense suffered by a player which was not reasonably foreseeable when participation was confirmed after the closing date, and/or was not directly caused by The R&A.

b) The R&A will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense suffered by a player as a result of a decision taken at any time by the Committee to amend, curtail or cancel the Championship.

c) Players are subject to all safety protocols applicable at the Championship in relation to Health & Safety as issued and updated by The R&A and/or its safety advisers from time to time.

d) All players are advised to have a personal public liability insurance policy in place to protect them from claims for damage to third party property or injury to third parties whilst participating in this Championship.

e) All players are advised to have in place appropriate medical insurance and/or funding to cover routine medical and performance related healthcare such as musculoskeletal injuries, including outpatient investigation. This will include any players who may have travelled internationally and/or Federation Officials accompanying the player for the duration of their stay in South Africa, in order that all such medical care is provided.

f) Players must comply with any instructions or further guidance issued by The R&A in relation to the Championship.

g) The R&A requires players and their team to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of the Championship and the sport of golf. Players and their team shall at all times act in the best interests of the sport and the Championship, and shall not conduct themselves in an unlawful or improper manner so as to bring the Championship, The R&A, the sport of golf or its governing bodies into disrepute and shall not use any one of or a combination of, violent conduct, threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting words or behaviour. Players and their team shall comply with any Code of Conduct set by the Committee from time to time. For the purposes of this term, a player's team includes any agents, coaches or other support team including family members present at the Championship or in the environs of the Official Hotel, Championship venue or otherwise acting in relation to the Championship. If a player acts contrary to this term or Code of Conduct in force during the Championship, the Committee will take appropriate action which may include reporting the facts to the player's Federation or National Golf Association. If the player is considered to have committed serious misconduct the player may be disqualified.

h) All players are subject to the provisions of The R&A's Anti-Corruption and Betting Policy in force at the date of the Championship.

i) All players are subject to the provisions of The R&A's Logos and Marks Policy in force at the date of the Championship.

j) The R&A seeks media coverage and publicity for the Africa Amateur Championship around and during the Championship in the press and by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting and filming and on the internet. Each player by entering the Championship and thereby agreeing to these Terms of Competition assigns to The R&A and its assignees and licensees the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, edit, exhibit and reproduce in any way now known or hereafter devised (and to authorise others to do so) for commercial and/or other purposes from time to time and at their discretion, motion pictures, still pictures, live taped or filmed television, sound recordings and any other reproductions of any description of the player made during or in connection with the Championship (including, without limitation, during practice and play) without compensation for the player or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the player. The player also irrevocably assigns to The R&A the right to use and reproduce, and to allow others to use and reproduce, the player's name, image, voice, likeness, signature and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised, without compensation for the player or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the player including in circumstances where the name, image, voice, likeness, signature or biographical material: (i) is incorporated into any content or promotional material produced by The R&A or its sponsors or official suppliers, which may include the logo of a third party or of a sponsor or official supplier of the Championship or any subsequent Championship; or (ii) is used in relation to any other activities undertaken by The R&A. Players shall be responsible for ensuring that they hold all the necessary rights to grant the above assignations. The player shall release and discharge The R&A, its group companies, licensees, successors and assignees from any claims arising from use of their name, image, voice, likeness, signature and biographical material, including claims for misrepresentation of their character, or their person by any means. By entering the Championship and thereby agreeing to these Terms of Competition, the player hereby waives all privacy, publicity and proprietary rights. Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of rights, The R&A and its assignees and licensees agree that, other than as permitted above, they will not authorise any company contractually associated with The R&A to use the player's name, image, voice, likeness, signature and biographical material in a way which constitutes the endorsement of a product or service, without requiring such associated company to first obtain the player's authorisation. The R&A may also use any image of the player taken at the Championship to populate the relevant pages of the WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING® website at wagr.com.

k) All Championship information may be viewed at randa.org.

l) The Committee's objective is to complete the Championship as per the format outlined in these Terms of Competition. The Committee reserves the right to amend these Terms of Competition at any time before or during the Championship and/or cancel the Championship before or during play. The decision of the Committee is final in all matters.

m) These Terms of Competition will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Scotland.

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