

British Minigolf Association

2021 British Open Players information pack

This pack contains the key information that you will need to make this weekend's competition a tournament to remember. If you have any questions regarding the Open (or the info below) please do not hesitate to contact me, either via chairman@minigolf.org.uk, or, members of the EC will be at the course on Friday 25th and will be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Play will commence on Saturday 25th September at 10.00am (a rolling start with groups of two or three players, all starting at hole 1, going out at 5 minute intervals) with all players playing 4 rounds on Saturday. Once the tournament has started, there will be no practice permitted on the Pirate Course until the final group has finished their 4th round. Please note that no practice shots will be allowed on any round for the weekend.

The estimated finish time for the final group of the 4th round on Saturday is approximately 5.00pm. Sunday will consist of 4 further rounds for all players, with play starting at 9.30am, the estimated finish time (including presentations) on Sunday is 5.30pm

Any play offs across the weekend will take place as sudden death from hole 1.

The prize fund up for grabs over the weekend is as follows:

- 1st place: £200, gold medal and the British Open trophy
- 2nd place: £125 and silver medal
- 3rd place: £100 and bronze medal
- 4th place: £60
- 5th place: £40

There will also be additional prizes as follows (NB: any players achieving the top 5 places overall in the Open and the prize money above will not be eligible for following cash prizes):

- Category 2 Winner: £40, Runner Up: £30, 3rd place £20 (this is open to any category 2 player – i.e. any player ranked between 17th & 32nd in the official BMGA order of merit, who hasn't won a tour event in the last 5 years)
- Combined Category 3/4 Winner: £40, Runner Up: £30, 3rd place £20 (this is open to any player – excluding international entrants - not ranked within the top 32 of the Order Of Merit, again, who hasn't won a tour event in the last 5 years)
- Aces Champion: £20 (This goes to the player with the most aces that hasn't won a cash prize)
- Novice Prize: Free entry to a BMGA one day event of their choosing within the next 12 months (This goes to the player that hasn't won a cash prize)

In Addition there will be the third instalment of the British Open Club Shield, where Cambridgeshire and Essex are the defending Champions. No cash prize just for fun. The Competition will take place over the first 7 rounds where the top 4 player scores per club count towards each club's round total score (there is no upper limit of players per club, just the best 4 each round counts).

From the entry list the competing Clubs are:

- Cambridgeshire and Essex
- Midlands
- Planet Hastings
- Thanet Silverbacks
- Wales

The tournament is being run with a rolling start enabling players to watch other players throughout the day (there will always be people out on the course!)

Players remain in their groups throughout the 4 rounds on Saturday (alternating the playing order) and the tee off times for round 1 are listed below, along with the groups for the day (Please note the groups are subject to change if there are any late withdrawals, but should they change we will aim to keep the timings similar where possible).

Saturday Day 1 groups with round 1 tee times

Round 1			
Tee Time	Player 1	Player 2	Player 3
10:00	Michael Smith	Paul Preston	James Short
10:05	Martin Greenhead	John McIver	
10:10	Seve Kukielka	Stephen Skinner	Rhiannon Davison
10:15	Martyn Williams	Richard Jones	Steve Colwell
10:20	Matt Dodd	Ayshe Greenan	James Teubler
10:25	Marion Hartley	Neil Tann	Elena Teubler
10:30	David Hartley	Brian Gould	Julian Teubler
10:35	Mark Wood	Will Donnelly	Jon Wright
10:40	Chris Wood	Adrian Amey	Brenda Smith
10:45	Chris Smith	Dave Gomm	
10:50	James Rutherford	John Sharp	David Jermey
10:55	Scott Lancley	Shelley Cooper	Julian Sanchez
11:00	Derek Bentall	James Hollinrake	Tiger Pragnell
11:05	Steve Lovell	Andrew Edmonds	Luke Ryan
11:10	Terry Exall	Tim Novis	Christine Duffy
11:15	Paul Tutt	Frank Bisesi	Lee Hursey
11:20	Ed Pope	Simon Brown	Freddie Novis

Results from the British Open, will be live on the World Wide Web from Saturday morning at <https://bmqa.online/results/2021/2021BO/result.htm>

Players must ensure that they report to the Officials Hut at the course no later than 10 minutes before their scheduled tee-off time.

Each subsequent round will tee off **approx 45 minutes** after the end of your previous round (please note these timings are approx). The plan is that on both days you will tee-off your next round approximately 90 minutes after your previous round tee off time i.e. So on saturday Group 1 will tee-off round 1 at 10.00am, Round 2 at 11.30am, Round 3 at 1.00pm, Round 4 at 3.00pm (giving a slightly longer break between rounds 3 & 4)

We are expecting the final group to finish their final round of the day around 5.00pm.

The groups will be reordered on Sunday to reflect leaderboard order, with the leaders going out in the final group from round 5 onwards.

Only WMF approved minigolf balls are allowed for this tournament - therefore the only golf ball allowed will be WMF branded balls (these will again be on sale for £5 on Friday at the Players Championship). No course balls are allowed.

The Tee off areas for the competition will be in place on Friday morning (official practice day) and will be the usual tee off areas from previous tournaments on the Pirate course (see below). The chalk lines are approx. 6 inches from the edge of the rubber mat, players can tee off anywhere within the chalked area:



Members of the BMGA Executive Committee will be the referees for the competition - details will be confirmed on tournament day.

COURSE DETAILS

The course will be open on Friday 24th until 10pm weather permitting and the same again on Saturday 25th after the first day's play.

The tournament office will once again be adjacent to the first hole on the Pirate Course, all player questions, feedback and scorecards, etc will be managed here.

All British Open Players will be offered a 25% discount at the Fish and Chips shop and a 50% discount at all other catering outlets on the tournament days (Saturday/Sunday). Players are reminded to make the staff aware that they are playing in the tournament prior to ordering. All players will be presented with a specially marked card from the tournament organisers to ensure they also receive the relevant discount. The Beach Retreat Cafe offers panini's, hot

dogs, toasted sandwiches, cold snacks (even Salads for the athletes out there) as well as the usual hot and cold drinks. The Kiosk behind the golf will offer Hot and Cold drinks and will be stockpiling Hot Doughnuts for those that enjoy a stable diet.

Toilets, there are two options. The public toilets are situated at the far end of the crazy golf course or we have our own toilets in The Beach Retreat Cafe which can be located at the far end of the Adventure course.

That's it from us and we are looking forward to another successful championship.

Best of Luck to All!

All the team at Hastings Adventure Golf

COURSE OPENING HOURS FOR THE COMPETITION

- Thursday 23rd - 8.30am till 10.00pm
- Friday 24th – 8.30am till 10.00pm
- Friday 24th – 2pm onwards – Players Championships (NB. players not involved in the Players Championships can still practice on the course)
- Saturday 25th – 8.30am open (practice allowed up to 9.45am)
- Saturday 25th - 10.00am onwards – British Open day 1
- Sunday 26th- 8.30am open (practice allowed up to 9.15am)
- Sunday 26th - 9.30am onwards – British Open day 2

The course is offering an all day practice rate of £9 a day for all British Open competitors (payable directly to the course - Practice on Friday is free for all participants). Players need to ensure that they do not hold up any of the public when practicing (the course will be closed to the public for the weekend but will be open to the public in the week building up to the competition).

THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

The traditional curtain raiser for the British Open, on Friday 24th September, will see the Players Championship take place. Players pay £5 to enter (payable on the day) and half the money goes to the winner, the other half goes to a charity of the winners choosing. The format is a mixture of strokeplay and matchplay, played out over a maximum of 3 rounds and is a great warm up for the Open.

Please note that International players are eligible to enter the players Championship.

There is no need to pre-enter this event but anyone wishing to play must register with the organisers on the day by 1.45pm at the latest. Ed Pope and Martyn Williams are the tournament organisers.

The competition will tee off at 2pm.

Players Championships Format:

- * Round 1 Strokeplay all players
- * Round 2 Matchplay (top 8 players from round 1)
- * Round 3 Strokeplay (4 winning players from round 2)

Prize fund:

- * 50% of Entry fees to winner
- * 50% of Entry fees to charity of winners choice

A warm welcome to all players for the 2021 event. As ever we are extremely grateful to all at Hastings Adventure Golf for their continued support of the BMGA.

If you have any questions regarding the British Open please do not hesitate to contact a member of the EC , and I look forward to seeing you at Hastings!

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