



2018 Freemasons

UK National Golf Championships

The 2018 UK Freemasons Golf Championships – The Brief

Welcome to the briefing for the 2018 UK National Freemasons Golf Championships. Building on the success of Provincial Masonic golf matches which already take place through the UK this event has been brought about to forge a National Championship for the large number of our golfing brethren. The event will comprise of 4 Regional Qualifiers located at carefully selected locations around the UK with 3 x 4ball teams from each Regional Event then Qualifying for the UK Grand Final to be played at The Forest Of Arden Golf Club on Friday 19th October 2018. Masonic provinces have been split into 4 Regions with golfers then entering a team of 4 competing on behalf of their Province. Ideally for each of the 4 regions we will get 15 different teams entering (60 different teams competing / 240 Freemasons in total). Following the 4 Regional events the Top 3 Teams from each of the 4 Regions will then qualify for the Grand UK Final where they would compete to become the '2018 Freemasons UK National Golf Champions'.

Regional Splits

North Region – Cheshire, East Lancashire, West Lancashire, North Wales, Yorkshire North & East Ridings, Yorkshire West Riding, Cumberland & Westmoreland, Durham, Lincolnshire

London, The South & East Region – London, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Middlesex, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Guernsey & Alderney, Jersey, East Kent, West Kent, Sussex, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire

South West Region – Bristol, Cornwall, Devonshire, Dorset, Hampshire & Isle of Wight, Monmouthshire, Somerset, South Wales, West Wales, Wiltshire

Midlands – Derbyshire, Herefordshire, Isle of Man, Leicestershire & Rutland, Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire

Golf Format (Regional Events + UK Grand Final)

Teams to enter a team of 4 golfers (Teams can potentially be 4 golfers from one Lodge or 4 golfers from one Province).

Teams to enter at their respective Regional Qualifier, although by all means they can enter a Regional event at any of the 4 locations if they so wish to travel further afield.

4 Man Team (Best 2 from 4 Stableford) Format

90% Handicap Allowance

Maximum Handicap 24

Golf Prizes for Regional & Grand Final Events

Giveaways for all golfers at all events

Qualifying Medals for all 3 Teams from each of the 4 Regions

Breakfast on arrival, 18 Holes of Golf + Dinner after play at all events

Top 3 Teams at each Regional Event to qualify for the Grand Final **at no extra cost.** If teams for whatever reason can't make the Final we will extend the invite to the team finishing directly below them in the Regional Event. Teams allowed **ONLY** to make 1 CHANGE to their starting 4ball for the Final from their Regional team; otherwise we will again go to the team below them from the Regional event.

Dates

Midlands Region Qualifier – Kidderminster Golf Club, Worcestershire.

(Thursday 6th September 2018, 11am 1st Tee Time)

North Region Qualifier – Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club, Cheshire.

(Wednesday 12th September 2018, 10am 1st Tee Time)

London, The South & East Qualifier – The Shire Golf Club, London. Hertfordshire.

(Wednesday 19th September 2018, 10am 1st Tee Time)

The South West Qualifier – Tall Pines Golf Club, Bristol. Somerset.

(Friday 21st September 2018, 10am 1st Tee Time)

The Grand Freemasons 2018 Golf Championship Final – The Forest Of Arden Golf Club, Warwickshire.

(Friday 19th October 2018, 10am 1st Tee Time)

Costings / Entry Fee's

Freemasons to enter and represent their Province in a 4ball.

Team Entry – 499 (Inclusive of Regional Breakfast, 18 Holes of competitive golf, Dinner after play, 1st Tee Giveaways, Prizes for Top 3 Teams, Medals for Top 3 Teams + Chance to qualify for the UK National Grand Final at The Forest Of Arden Golf Club at **NO EXTRA COST**.)

Sponsorship

Ben Derbyshire as Event Organiser to work and try and onboard a Masonic Golf Championship sponsor to aid in staging a memorable Masonic national golfing event.

Charity

Through the entry fees paid by the teams and/or any sponsorship minus the expenses involved in staging these events there will be a donation to the **Help For Heroes** Charity following the conclusion of the Grand Final at The Forest Of Arden Golf Club on Friday 19th October 2018.

Management

The 5 events (4 Regional Qualifiers + 1 UK Grand Final) to be managed and run by Ben Derbyshire (Ben Derbyshire, Neptune Lodge 22) who runs these regional and national events on a regular basis and works with a number of companies, charities & private individuals as part of his daily work. Ben Derbyshire to use his extensive contacts in the golfing industry to enable all teams to pay a competitive entry fee to include Breakfast, Golf, Dinner, Giveaways, Prizes & Medals at all Regional events, **plus no additional cost** for the teams qualifying for the UK Grand Final with Breakfast, Golf, Dinner, Giveaways, Prizes & The winning UK National Freemasons Golf Team Trophy.

Future of the Event

Should the event prove successful in 2018 then this will potentially become an annual event on the Masonic Calendar for all our golfing brethren, who will compete for their Province on a yearly basis. Depending on the feedback and success the event could potentially grow to allow for further Regional Qualifiers thus increasing the number of participants in the event.

Certainly the makings of an enjoyable Masonic national golfing event...

To Enter

Please see the attached flyer with a Sign-Up section at the bottom, please fill this out and then scan or email the details to ben@zealsportsmanagement.co.uk. Please also feel free to call Ben Derbyshire on 07542-540273 if you wish to discuss any part of the event.

Best Regards,

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