



THE DUKE OF YORK YOUNG CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2010

Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th September / Royal St George's, Sandwich, Kent, England

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION **FOR PLAYERS AND FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVES**

ENTRY: By Invitation Only

ELIGIBILITY:

- Under 18 Boy and Girl 2010 National Champions
- Under 18 Boy and Girl winners of other major tournaments in the preceding 12 months as approved by the Tournament Advisory Board
- Past Champions (provided born 1992 or later)
- Special Invitees of the Tournament Advisory Board
- Born 1992 or later
- Maximum handicap 2.0

FORMAT:

- 54 HOLE STROKE PLAY MEDAL (Scratch)
- Mixed tournament with boys and girls competing for the same trophy

ANTICIPATED FIELD: Maximum 60 Junior Champions from approximately 34 countries worldwide

THE TROPHY AND PRIZES

- The Trophy will be awarded to:
 - The player (boy or girl) returning the best overall scratch score over 54 holes. In the event of a tie after 54 holes, the result will be decided by a sudden death play-off.
- Prizes will also be awarded to:
 - The Boys and Girls returning the best and second best scores over 54 holes. In the event of a tie, other than caused by a play-off for The Trophy, then prizes will be awarded on a count back system starting with the last 18 holes played.
 - The Boy and Girl returning the lowest 18 hole score during the tournament

ITINERARY (subject to minor changes)

Sunday 12th September

- Arrival of Players and Federation Representatives at the Holiday Inn Hotel, North Ashford (check-in from 12.00)
- Player Registration at the Tournament Desk in the Holiday Inn (10.00 – 20.00)
- Welcome and informal dinner at the Holiday Inn (19.15)

Monday 13th September

- Official Practice Round (from 08.00 in groups of 4)
- Tour of Sandwich town (from 15.00 in groups of 12)
- Rules Briefing by R & A Officials at the Holiday Inn (18.30-19.00)
- Informal dinner at the Holiday Inn (19.15)

Tuesday 14th September

- 1st Round of Tournament (from 08.00)
- Official Tournament Dinner hosted by HRH The Duke of York at Leeds Castle (19.00)

Wednesday 15th September

- 2nd Round of Tournament (from 08.00)
- Tour of Sandwich town (from 15.00 in groups of 12)
- Educational Talk followed by Question & Answer session at the Holiday Inn (18.15 - 19.15)
- Informal Dinner at The Holiday Inn (19.15)

Thursday 16th September

- Final Round of Tournament (from 08.00)
- Presentation of the Trophy & prizes by HRH The Duke of York (approx. 1600)
- Departure of Players and Fed Representatives (from 16.30)
- Informal dinner for those remaining at The Holiday Inn (19.30)

Friday 17th September

- Departure of remaining players & federations (check-out by 11.00)

TRAVEL

Overseas players or their federations are responsible for travel arrangements to and from the UK and at their own cost:

- See below for information about the BMW Courtesy Car Service and note it is only available from London Gatwick or Heathrow airports and Ashford International rail station.
- Trains operate regularly from Stansted and Luton Airports to Ashford International Rail and take approximately two hours (NB you must change in London to St. Pancras International station)

UK players or their federations are responsible for travel arrangements to and from the Official Hotel (please see Accommodation details, below) or London Gatwick airport or Ashford Rail Station.

Airports:

[London Gatwick](#) (approx. 45+ minutes from Official Hotel and 60 minutes from Golf Course)

[London Heathrow](#) (approx. 90+ minutes and 2 hours from Golf Course)

Rail station:

[Ashford International](#) - (5 minutes from Official Hotel and 40 minutes from Golf Course). Eurostar travels direct from Paris, Lille and Brussels.

COURTESY CAR SERVICE

BMW Courtesy Car Service will be operational for players, federation representatives and sponsors only:

- From Sunday 12th September 0800 hours until Friday 17th September 1200 hours
- For transfers from/to London Gatwick or Heathrow airports (**not Stansted or Luton**) and Ashford International Rail Station. **Please use Ashford or Gatwick if at all possible as much closer.**
- For shuttles between the official hotel and the course from Monday - Thursday

ACCOMMODATION

The Official Hotel Partner for the Tournament is InterContinental Hotels Group and the official tournament hotel for players, federation representatives and officials only is:

The Holiday Inn (Ashford North), Maidstone Road, Hothfield, Ashford, Kent TN26 1AR

Tel: +44 (0) 1233-713333 www.hiashford.com

Complimentary accommodation is provided during the tournament (Sunday to Thursday nights) for players and, if attending, one federation representative from each country. Twin-bedded rooms are provided for players and allocated by the Tournament Director on a same gender and approximately same age basis whilst federation representatives are allocated double rooms for single occupancy.

Additional facilities at the hotel include:

- Mini Gym (age 16+) available free of charge
- Internet Wi-Fi available free of charge in Lounge area

The Holiday Inn is located between London Gatwick Airport and Royal St George's Golf Club (see map on www.doy-champions.com / 2010 Tournament / Directions). Approximate timings are:

- 35 minutes from Royal St George's;
- 5 minutes from Ashford International (Eurostar);
- at least 45 minutes from London Gatwick airport and 90 minutes from London Heathrow airport.

MEALS

Complimentary meals are provided throughout the tournament (Sunday to Thursday) for players and, if attending, one federation representative from each country, at:

- The Holiday Inn
 - Breakfast served from 06.00
 - Dinner from 19.15
- Royal St George's
 - Buffet lunch in the Dining Room and tea/coffee in the Snack Bar
- Leeds Castle for the Official Tournament Dinner

GOLF COURSE

Royal St George's, Sandwich, Kent, England CT13 9PB Tel: +44 (0) 1304-613090 www.royalstgeorges.com/

Royal St George's is a world class links course and has hosted many major championships, both professional and amateur, since it was founded in 1887. **It was the first course in England to host the Open Championship, where it has been played on 13 occasions and returns to in 2011.** As one of the most difficult tests of golf requiring courage, confidence and solid ball striking, the severely undulating fairways make good scoring very tough indeed and will provide the Junior Champions with invaluable experience.

Facilities include:

- Clubhouse including luggage storage area for those checking out of The Holiday Inn on Thursday morning
- Practice Facilities
- Golf Professional Shop providing a wide range of golf equipment and clothing

MOBILE PHONES - these are not permitted at Royal St George's either on the Course or in the Clubhouse at any time

CODE OF CONDUCT

Please remember that, as per the Players' Code of Conduct to which all players have signed their agreement, the Tournament operates a no alcohol and no smoking policy for all players. Please also note that it is illegal in the UK for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase alcoholic drinks or cigarettes. There is absolutely no smoking on the golf course or in any public areas.

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT DINNER

The Tournament Dinner will be held this year at Leeds Castle www.leeds-castle.com:

- All players are invited and expected to attend
- All Representatives acting as paid employees of their country's Federation are invited and expected to attend. Regrettably, due to the Medieval Banqueting Hall limited seating capacity, parents nominated as Federation Representatives will not be able to attend. However, they will be catered for at The Holiday Inn.
- Jacket and tie for men/boys; dress, skirt or smart trousers for girls/ladies
- Name badges (provided in Welcome Pack on registration) must be worn
- BMW courtesy cars and a coach will depart from The Holiday Inn at 18.00
- Tour of Leeds Castle at 18.30
- An official group photograph of HRH The Duke of York and all the players at 19.15
- The Official Tournament Dinner hosted by HRH The Duke of York from 19.30-21.30
- BMW courtesy cars and coach will depart for the hotel at 21.30

DRESS CODE

- Royal St. George's Clubhouse: golf attire (no jeans, no spikes)
- The Holiday Inn (all dinners excluding Tuesday): casual
- **Official Dinner (Leeds Castle): Jacket and tie for men/boys; dress, skirt or smart trousers for girls/ladies.**

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

All events are compulsory for players, and federation representatives are welcome and indeed encouraged to attend:

- Rules Briefing by R & A Officials (Monday 13th, 18.30-19.00)
- Historical Tour of Sandwich:
 - Monday or Wednesday, 16.00-17.00, in groups of 12
 - Day of visit will depend on the player's start time in the practice round
 - BMW courtesy cars will take players from Royal St. George's to Sandwich Town and then the Hotel
- Talk followed by Question & Answer Session (Wednesday 15th 18.00-19.00) with:
 - **John Simpson** was Senior Vice President at IMG for 18 years and managed many of the world's top professionals, during which time they won an impressive 17 Major Championships between them
 - **Additional Speaker** (name to be confirmed)
 - A chance for players and federation representatives to ask lots of questions.

CALLAWAY EQUIPMENT DISPLAY AND TESTING at the Practice Range on Monday from 09.30-16.00

COMPLIMENTARY CLOTHING & GOLF ACCESSORIES FROM MIZUNO

Mizuno have provided each player with a complimentary waterproof jacket, rucksack and beanie, which will be handed out at the Tournament Desk at The Holiday Inn when registering. **Please wear the waterproof jacket for photos at Thursday's Prize-Giving Presentation and the following photo session.**

PRESENTATION AND PRIZE-GIVING

- The Trophy and other prizes will be presented by HRH The Duke of York at the close of play on Thursday 16th from 16.00 onwards
- All Players and Federation Representatives must attend, unless otherwise agreed with the Tournament Director
- A group photograph of HRH The Duke of York with all players in their Mizuno jackets will be taken immediately after the Presentation.

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Tuesday 19.15: Official group photograph of HRH The Duke of York with all players
- Thursday after prize-giving (**NB. Remember to wear your Mizuno jacket**)
- Each player will receive a presentational photograph before departure on Thursday (please collect from the table in the clubhouse)

SPECTATORS

Additional supporters are welcome to attend. However, they are responsible for all their own travel, accommodation and meal requirements. Some suggested links are:

- www.royalstgeorges.com (see Visitor Information/Accommodation)
- www.sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk/tourism/index.htm
- www.visitkent.co.uk/

TOURNAMENT OFFICE situated between the Clubhouse and Putting Green incorporating:

- Score Recorder's Office
- JSA Ltd. (Tournament Director and other officials)
- Media Office
- BMW Courtesy Car co-ordinator

MEDICAL SERVICES

- First aid kit and first aider on site at Royal St. George's
- For a doctor contact:
 - Tournament Office or Royal St. George's staff
 - The Holiday Inn Reception: +44 (0) 1233-713333
- Nearest hospital: William Harvey Hospital, Kennington Road, Willesborough, Ashford, TN24 0LZ
Tel No: +44 (0) 1784-884488

CONDITIONS OF TOURNAMENT – see website or separate document

TOURNAMENT WEBSITE www.doy-champions.com

This contains plenty of information on this unique event including its history, past tournaments and players, photos, video highlights and media articles as well as information on The Duke of York Sports Foundation including Golf and Academic Scholarships.

LIVE LEADERBOARD on www.doy-champions.com during the tournament with daily results, photos and reports

Tournament Advisory Board: HRH The Duke of York, John Simpson, Tony Hill and Sandra Greenslade

Tournament Committee: John Simpson, Tony Hill, Sandra Greenslade and David Bird

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We look forward to welcome Players and Federation Representatives to the tournament in September!