



ROYAL DORNOCH ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT



104th CARNEGIE SHIELD
6th – 12th AUGUST 2017

World Amateur Golf Ranking Event

1. Entry will be limited to gentlemen of 21 handicap or less, aged 16 years and over (Boys under 16, holding a handicap of 4.0 or less at the date of entry, will be considered), who are members of recognised golf clubs and who hold an official handicap, **proof of which must be provided at the time of entry**. Competitors who hold a handicap index under the "USGA slope system", must provide at the time of entry a certificate indicating their allotted index. The Office will apply the slope rating for Royal Dornoch which, for information, is 134. Inactive handicaps will not be accepted. Where an entrant holds more than one official handicap, he is to play to the lowest handicap held, irrespective of the issuing authority. The entry will be divided into a High Handicap Group and a Low Handicap Group. The handicap division of groups will be determined by the entries and the aim will be, assuming the competition is oversubscribed, to equate the numbers on a waiting list for each group.

2. **Stroke Play** The qualifying rounds for each handicap group will be played as follows:

Higher Handicaps	SUNDAY 6 th and MONDAY 7 th August
Lower Handicaps	TUESDAY 8 th and WEDNESDAY 9 th August

Entrants who are allocated places must, by 12th July, inform Royal Dornoch of any amendment to the handicap on which they entered. All competitors, with the exception of those whose home club is Royal Dornoch, will be required to produce a current handicap certificate dated no earlier than 30th July at registration, which is before play on your first competition day .

Entrants will, after 12th July, on the basis of their latest known handicap be drawn into the appropriate section of the competition. Should a handicap change after the draw is made, an entrant will compete in the section of the competition in which he was drawn and will be scored playing to his handicap current at the time of the Shield. Entrants playing on Sunday and Monday will not be eligible to qualify for the Carnegie Shield match play. There will be **NO** preferred tee times.

Royal Dornoch Golf Club is fully committed to alleviating the problem of slow play. Our open competitions will have on course marshals and penalties applied to the culprits. As a condition of entry you are accepting the responsibility to keep a good pace of play as advertised at the time of the event and to complying with all the competition rules.

3. **Match Play Competitions** - THURSDAY 10th to SATURDAY 12th August.

The E. C. FRASER CUP (High Handicap)	<u>32 qualifiers</u> . Play will commence at 7.00 a.m.
The DAVIDSON TROPHY (Low Handicap)	<u>32 qualifiers</u> . Play will commence at 9.30 a.m.
The CARNEGIE SHIELD (Scratch)	<u>32 qualifiers</u> . Play will commence at 12.00 p.m.

The draw for the Ellis Fraser Cup will be published on Tuesday 8th August. The draws for the Carnegie Shield and Davidson Trophy will be published as soon as possible after play on Wednesday 9th August.

4. **In the event of a tie** for qualifying places the following will apply: -

CARNEGIE SHIELD. A play-off will be held, as soon as possible after completion of stroke play rounds, over 1st, 2nd & 18th holes, continuing to further holes on a sudden death basis in the event of a tie after these 3 holes. In the event of a play off being stopped for any reason, such as bad light, then for those left in the play off, a count back on the second round card will be used. If conditions do not permit a play off to begin then the Committee reserves the right to resolve ties by count-back over better 2nd round.

DAVIDSON TROPHY	To be decided over better 2nd round
E.C. FRASER CUP	To be decided over better 2nd round

5. Entries received by 9.00am on 8th March will be entered into the ballot. If the numbers do not exceed the available places all will be accepted at that point and competitors notified. If numbers exceed the places then a ballot will be held on 9th March for, as required, the low and high handicap groups.

Applicants with handicap of 2 or better will not be subject to a ballot as long as they provide a current handicap certificate at time of entry. The first 30 places in the High H'cap Group and the first 50 places in the Low H'cap Group will be for Royal Dornoch Full Members. If numbers require, these places will be subject to a member ballot, unsuccessful members subsequently being entered into the open ballot if such takes place. Unsuccessful applicants will be added to a waiting list in the order they come out of the ballot.

Entries received after 8th March will be accepted if there are vacancies, or entered onto waiting lists as at the date they are received. The allocation of such places will be on a first come first served basis.

6. Penalties for Non Compliance of Tournament Rules

Any competitor, who does not turn up for his appointed tee time without good reason and/or fails to inform the Club, will not be eligible to compete in this event for three years.

All competitors tying for places in the Carnegie Shield must participate in any play off. Failure to participate will result in disqualification from the Davidson Trophy.

Where a competitor qualifies for the match play round and then, without good reason, declines to play he will not be eligible to compete in this event for three years.

Should the Club find that entrants have delayed advising the club until after 12th July of their current handicap and any change would have had effect on the draw in which they play, they will not be eligible to compete in this event for three years.

The Club reserves the right, without necessarily giving reason, to decline an entry and in all circumstances Royal Dornoch Golf Club Council of Management's decisions are final.

7. **Refund Entry Fees** Fees as detailed on the Entry Form, will be refunded, less £10 deposit Non-Members and £5.00 Members, if withdrawals are made before 11th July. After that date no refund will be made (except in exceptional circumstances).

8. **Additional Competitions** Royal Dornoch will hold two competitions over the Golspie Links for players in the Carnegie Shield:

- (1) For the Lower Handicap Group, there will be a competition on Monday 7th August
- (2) For the Higher Handicap Group, there will be a competition on Tuesday 8th August

Please complete the appropriate section on the attached entry form if you wish to play in either of these competitions. The draws will be published midweek prior to the Carnegie Shield.

For all non-qualifiers and 1st round losers there will be a competition over the Struie Course on Friday 12th August, tee-times will only be available between 9am and 2pm. There will be trophies and prizes for both scratch and handicap.

9. **Prize Giving** Prizes for the competitions at Golspie and the qualifying rounds (excluding the Silver medal) may be collected from the office or will be sent to competitors. The principal prizes will be awarded after the close of play on Saturday 12th August. The Council of Management **expects** Finalists and Semi-finalists and the Silver Medallist to attend the Saturday prize giving.



ENTRY FORM – 104th CARNEGIE SHIELD 2017

ENTRY FORMS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE PLAYER'S HANDICAP CERTIFICATE AND ENTRY FEE SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:

**COMPETITION SECRETARY
ROYAL DORNOCH GOLF CLUB
GOLF ROAD
DORNOCH
SUTHERLAND IV25 3LW**

e-mail bookings@royaldornoch.com

IT IS THE PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE HIS ENTRY IS COMPLETE IN ALL ASPECTS

ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT A HANDICAP CERTIFICATE AND/OR ENTRY FEE WILL BE RETURNED

E-mail will be accepted provided credit card details and a handicap certificate are included.

FIRST NAME SURNAME

HOME ADDRESS
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TEL. No E-MAIL:

MOBILE

HOME CLUB

HANDICAP/INDEX CDH/GHIN NUMBER

CONTACT TEL NO. AT TIME OF COMPETITION (IF KNOWN)

Date: Signature

Payment of the Entry Fee and (if applicable) Golspie Stableford. can be made using Visa or MasterCard. Alternatively payment can be made by Sterling Cheque, made payable to Royal Dornoch Golf Club.

Carnegie Shield entry fee (Full Members £48.00, Struie Members £97.00 Non- Members £145.00)	£
Stableford Competition at Golspie (Members and Non-Members £18.00) Monday 7 th - Lower Handicap group/Tuesday 8 th - Higher Handicap group To be allocated as per handicap divide (Paragraph 1) These competitions are administered by Royal Dornoch and are non-qualifying	£
Total	£

Visa/MasterCard No

Exp. / 3 digit security code on reverse of card

ANY ENTRY NOT ACCOMPANIED BY A HANDICAP CERTIFICATE AND ENTRY FEE EITHER AS CASH, CHEQUE OR VISA/MASTERCARD NUMBER WILL BE RETURNED AND A PLACE WILL NOT BE ALLOCATED.