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2023 Seniors Order of Merit and Selection Information

The aim of this document is to provide insight and guidance on the selection process for Welsh National Golf Teams (Senior Men's and Women's), in order to improve the understanding of players, personal coaches, the wider golfing membership, media and other interested parties.

Important Notes

General

- It is the intention of Wales Golf to enter teams to compete in the events outlined in this document. However, Wales Golf will consider COVID-19 restrictions and advice from relevant bodies on an ongoing basis and may choose not to compete in these events, should it be in the best interests of Wales Golf and our stakeholders. We appreciate that **there may be changes to the tournament schedule for 2023** and therefore reserve the right to amend the Seniors Order of Merit T&Cs if significant schedule changes occur.
- All persons selected for Welsh teams /competitions must to the satisfaction of the Director of Performance and Selection Committee:
 - Meet the **Welsh eligibility criteria** (see below)
 - Comply and have complied with the **etiquette of golf** as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews
 - Follow and have followed any guidelines published by Wales Golf relating to **conduct and guidance for Welsh Golf Teams**
 - Comply with anti-doping rules laid down by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and UKAD. If players are taking any medication they must check the prohibited list and apply for Therapeutic Use exemption if required.
 - Comply with and conduct themselves in accordance with Welsh Law & Guidelines relating to Covid19. Restrictions regarding Covid-19 vary from country to country and all personnel must respect and comply with the laws within the country they reside in and travel to.
- In all instances Wales Golf reserves the right to not select an eligible player if the selection committee decide that this in the best interests of Welsh golf.
- All selections are subject to a player not being under any kind of review for code of conduct or disciplinary issues either by their Club, County or Wales Golf.
- We would welcome communication regarding your availability to be considered for selection and planned tournament schedule, via **email to the Chair of Seniors Golf (Roger Floyd floyd10plus@btinternet.com)**

Automatic Selection

- The **first three players in the Seniors Order of Merits will gain automatic selection** for the Senior Men's and Women's Home Internationals Teams
 - In the event of a tie for third place, the selector's discretion will apply to the selection of players tied for third place absolutely.
 - The remaining places will be selected at the discretion of the selectors.

2023 Seniors Home Internationals

- Full information about the SHIM may be viewed at www.randa.org
- This event will be played at West Kilbride, Scotland 19 – 21 September 2023
- The teams will comprise of 7 players and matches will be played as 3 foursomes and 6 singles
- The teams will be first announced on the Wales Golf website and social media, on **Monday 24th July 2023 @ 2pm.**
- Selected players will then receive a formal letter to confirm their selection and logistical arrangements.

Preparation Day (Matchplay)

The teams will prepare for Home Internationals with a match play event on **Sunday 3rd September 2023 @ Pyle and Kenfig.**

All players are expected to make themselves available for this preparation day.

Eligibility

To compete in Event (by R&A)

- Men must have reached the age of 55 years /Women must have reached the age of 50 before the first day of the Matches. In all other respects the qualification shall be the same as that laid down by each country for its Closed Championships or National Team.

To represent Wales (by Wales Golf)

You are eligible to play for Wales if you meet one of the following criteria:

- Born in Wales
- One of your parents was born in Wales
- One of your grandparents was born in Wales
- Resided in Wales for three years prior to the start of the Welsh Mens or Womens Amateur Championship in the year of selection (if over 18 years of age)
- Resided in Wales for two years prior to the start of the Welsh Boys or Girls Amateur Championship in the year of selection (if under 18 years of age)
- Previously represented Wales at Junior or Adult level in Home International Matches or European Team Championships or World Amateur Team Championships (players will be asked to provide evidence of this)

You are not eligible to play for Wales if:

- You have played in the Close Championship of another country within the last two years (e.g. to be eligible to play for Wales in 2023 you must not have played in the Close Championship of another country in 2022 or 2021) or:
- You have played in the Adult International Team of another country

With the following exception for U18's:

- A boy or girl under 18 years who has competed in the Closed Boys' or Girls' Championship of any other country or played in the Boys' or Girls' International Team of any other country.

2023 Seniors Order of Merit

The purpose of the Wales Golf "Seniors Orders of Merit" is to provide a recognised schedule of events in which Welsh amateur golfers can compete within their respective categories. A consistent system of awarding points will be applied across domestic and international competitions, ensuring the amateur golfers that perform, are suitably rewarded within the SOOM table. This table of players is not intended to form a strict ranking of Wales amateurs by ability and outside of the 3 automatic selection places, the SOOM may be utilised to aid selection of Welsh national teams but does not guarantee selection in the team.

Notes: Points tables will be updated after the completion of each event. Updated tables will be published online. Queries should be emailed to championships@walesgolf.org.

Points allocated are subject to the following conditions, at the discretion of the Seniors Committee

- Average points will be awarded for "tied" finishing positions
- Additional points may be awarded for performances of outstanding achievement in International Championships not listed.
- County Championships can request to be included in SOOM (if 54 holes or more)
- Points awarded may be reduced if the number of holes completed in an event are reduced for any reason

Senior Mens OOM Events

25 – 26 Apr	West of England Open	Burnham and Berrow	C
01 – 02 May	North Wales Senior Open	Bull Bay	D
07 - 09 Jun	English Open Seniors	Alwoodley/Pannal	B
13 – 15 Jun	Welsh Closed Seniors	Aberdovey	C
21 – 23 Jun	Scottish Seniors Open	Stirling,	B
28 – 30 Jun	Welsh Open Seniors	Ashburnham	B
11 – 14 Jul	Senior Amateur Championship	Woodhall Spa	A
16 – 17 Jul	South Wales Seniors Open	Newport	D

Cat.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
A	400	240	160	120	100	88	76	68	60	56	52	48	44	40	36	32	28	24	20	16	12	8	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
B	200	120	80	60	50	44	38	34	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8										
C	120	72	48	36	30	26	23	20	18	17	16	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6										
D	50	30	20	15	13	11	10	9	8	7	7	6	6	5	5															

- Players who make the cut in the British Seniors Amateur Open, will be allocated 50 points in addition to their finishing position (e.g winner will receive 450 points) Players making the cut in the English Open Seniors will be awarded 30pts. Players making the cut in the Welsh Open and Scottish Open will be allocated 20pts.

Senior Womens OOM Events

01 – 02 May	North Wales Senior Women's Closed	Bull Bay
20 – 22 Jun	English Senior Women's Strokeplay	Preston
16 – 17 Jul	South Wales Senior Women's Closed	Newport

Finishing position & Points

Finishing position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
North Wales & South Wales Senior Womens Closed	30	20	10	6	4	2	1								
English Senior Womens Strokeplay	100	60	40	30	25	22	19	17	15	13	11	9	8	7	6

- English Senior Women's ONLY: Players will be allocated points as below in addition to their finishing position (e.g winner will receive 100 + 30)
Top 10 = 30 points, 11th – 20th = 20 points, 21st – 30th = 15 points, 31st – 45th = 10 points
- North and South championships (WOMEN ONLY) :For details and entry form please go to www.northwalescountiesgolf.co.uk