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TOUR

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## Eligibility for Entrants

- The GolfCatcher Tour is **open to all declared professional golfers**.
- **Amateurs with handicaps of 2.4 or less** may enter. Any amateur that enters must send an official **signed handicap from their home club within 5 working days to info@gctour.co.uk** to verify their handicap. Failure to do so will result in their entry being withdrawn and full refund of entry fee processed.

## Event Entry

- **All entrants must read T&Cs** before entering any of the 4 events.
- **Entries will be based on a first come first served basis** for both the 89 direct entries and the 60 pre-qualifying entries per event. Pre-qualifying entries will open for each event once all 89 direct entries are taken, or the official deadline for entries passes.
- **September 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 12pm is the official deadline** for all direct entries.
- Entry forms must be filled out correctly and entrants must acknowledge The GolfCatcher Tour's T&Cs upon application into an event.

## Event Entry (Cont.)

- **All payments must be paid online at <https://gctour.co.uk>**, at the time of entering an event. **Please contact [info@gctour.co.uk](mailto:info@gctour.co.uk) to arrange bank transfer payments.**
- Payment of an event serves as confirmation that the entrant has read, understands and agrees with The GolfCatcher Tours T&Cs.
- **No entry will be confirmed without payment.**
- Any refunds of any nature are at the discretion of the Tournament Director to issue.
- **Withdrawals after September 14th 2020 must be based on a medical condition or injury** not allowing the participant to play. This must be supported by a doctor's note.
- **Upon entry and payment, a confirmation email will be sent directly to the email provided upon application.**
- If any changes to personal information provided during the entrants application is required, please email [info@gctour.co.uk](mailto:info@gctour.co.uk)
- **The GolfCatcher Tour has the right to refuse any entry.** If in the unlikely event this occurs, a full refund of the entrant's entry fee will be given.

## Entry Money

- Each event will cost **£500 for the 89 direct entry places.**
- Each of the **60 prequalification spaces will cost £100.** The top 10 players of each prequalification event will then have to pay the remaining £400 to match the direct entry cost. This additional payment must be completed before commencement of play the following morning.
- **100% of the player's entry fees through direct entry and pre-qualification go into the prize fund,** venue hire, insurance and costings to run the events.
- Each player will receive; entry to the event, membership as listed below, breakfast and a goodie bag.

## Membership

- **Membership is £50** for all participants who have been successful in gaining entry through either direct entry or via a pre-qualification event.
- **Membership lasts for the duration of each season.**
- Existing members of The GolfCatcher Tour will be given further series information and dates before release to the general public.
- **All members of the tour will be eligible for discounts on The GolfCatcher Tour's affiliate's products.**
- All members will receive a **free 1-year subscription to the GolfCatcher professional system.**
- A membership pack will be sent to all entrants after entering an event.

## Tournament Format

- Each event will be played over **1 day in a strokeplay format over 18 holes.**
- **Pairings will be based on 3 players per group.**
- The main event will be started in a **two tee start format.**
- **Ladies participating in the tour will play the course a minimum of 11% shorter** than that of the men.
- **Pre-qualifying** will be started with allocated tee times with **10 minute intervals between each tee time.**
- **The winner will be the player with the lowest gross score.**
- In the event of a tie for 1st place, **those players tied will play sudden death tie holes strokeplay until an outright winner emerges.**
- The Tournament Director is responsible for deciding which tie holes will be used.
- In the event of a tie in lower placings, prize money will be evenly distributed accordingly.
- **All GolfCatcher Tour events will be played under The Rules of Golf as approved by The R&A of St. Andrews,** except as modified by the host clubs local rules.
- **Any infringement of any rule by a player or players caddie will be dealt with by the Tournament Director** and may result in a fine, disqualification and a lifetime ban from The GolfCatcher Tour.
- **Local rules will be provided to all entrants prior to the tournament** and will also be available on the day of the tournament at the tournament registration office.

## Pre-Qualification

- **Pre-qualification will be played the day before each of the tournaments.**
- **The field will be limited to 60 players.**
- **Pre-qualification will be played over 18 holes** strokeplay with the top 10 players gaining entry into the tournament the following day.
- **Players will be paired in 3 balls with an allocated tee time.**
- **Entry will cost £100 + membership fee**
- The **top 10 players** gaining qualification must then **pay the remaining £400 toward the £500 entry fee** before commencement of play the following morning.
- **A prize fund of £2250 is to play for at each event. 1st = £1000, 2nd = £750 3rd = £500.** If a tie occurs for 1st place, sudden death tie holes will be played between those players tied until an outright winner emerges. If a tie happens in places below 1st, the prize money will be shared equally amongst those players involved.
- In the event of a tie to finalize the top 10 players who progress to the next day's event, **those players tied will play sudden death tie holes until a winner emerges.**
- The Tournament Director is responsible for deciding which tie holes will be used.
- **Pre-qualifying entries will open once all direct entries are sold out, otherwise they will all open at 9am on the 15th September 2020. Entries will close on the 29th September 2020 at 5pm.**
- **Entries will be given on a first come first served basis.**
- **100% of all pre-qualification entry money goes toward the prize fund, venue hire and insurance.**

## Tee Time Allocation

- **A live draw will be streamed at 7pm on Friday the 9th October 2020 for all 4 events.**
- **Upon completion of the live draw, an email will be sent to all entrants** informing them of their allocated tee time.
- During the draw, 10 places will be reserved and entered for qualifiers.
- Once each pre-qualification stage is finalized, **a random draw will be performed by the Tournament Director to allocate those pre-defined tee times** for the following mornings play.

## Registration

- **All players must register on the morning of both the pre-qualification round and tournament at the tournament office,** which will be located within the hosts clubhouse.
- **No other person may sign the registration on a player's behalf.**
- **Scorecards and local rules** will be **given to players during registration.**
- **Breakfast vouchers** will be given at this point.
- Registration opening and closing times will be sent to all entrants of the event they have been entered.
- Tee time requests for **early and late starts for pre-qualification will be considered by the Tournament Director** for approval but are not guaranteed.
- **Due to the structure of the 2 tee start** for each tournament, **The GolfCatcher Tour will NOT consider any early or late tee times requests** for any of the 4 tournaments.
- Once the live draw is performed, those **tee times allocated are final unless 2 golfers wish to swap. This request must be put in writing to [info@gctour.co.uk](mailto:info@gctour.co.uk) with a brief outline of why they wish to swap.** After a review from the Tournament Director, a decision will be given to both players.



## Prize Money

- **100% of all the players' entry fees will go towards the prize fund,** venue hire, insurance and costings to run events.
- **Each event has a guaranteed 1st place prize of £15,000.**
- Below is the prize breakdown for each tournament, based on a full field of entries:

|                       |         |                        |        |                        |      |
|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|------------------------|------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | £15,000 | <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>  | £2,000 | <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> | £900 |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | £10,000 | <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>  | £1,750 | <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> | £800 |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | £6,000  | <b>8<sup>th</sup></b>  | £1,500 | <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> | £700 |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> | £4,500  | <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>  | £1250  | <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> | £600 |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> | £3,000  | <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> | £1000  | <b>15<sup>th</sup></b> | £500 |

- Depending on each event's final field size, **The GolfCatcher Tour reserves the right to adjust the prize funds from 2nd place to 9th place accordingly to reflect the size of the field.**
- In the event of a tie for first place, those players tied will play sudden death tie holes until a winner emerges outright.
- In the event of a tie in lower placings, prize money will be evenly distributed accordingly.
- **Prize money will be paid** 48hrs into players accounts **upon completion of event**
- **Under no circumstances can players arrange splitting of 1st place prize money.**
- **The GolfCatcher Tour is being run on the basis of a 0% profit model.** If at the end of the season there are any excess funds, they will be **donated to our partner charity Battleback Golf.**
- **The £100,000 bonus prize for winning any 3 of the 4 events has been insured through a broker on behalf of GolfCatcher.**
- **All players are asked where possible to attend the prize giving** after each event.

## Order of Merit Bonuses

- **To qualify for the order of merit a player must have played in at least 2 of the 4 events.**
- Points will be allocated after each event as listed below:

|                       |           |                        |           |                        |          |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|----------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | 15 POINTS | <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>  | 10 POINTS | <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> | 5 POINTS |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | 14 POINTS | <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>  | 9 POINTS  | <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> | 4 POINTS |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | 13 POINTS | <b>8<sup>th</sup></b>  | 8 POINTS  | <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> | 3 POINTS |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> | 12 POINTS | <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>  | 7 POINTS  | <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> | 2 POINTS |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> | 11 POINTS | <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> | 6 POINTS  | <b>15<sup>th</sup></b> | 1 POINTS |

- Please refer to the order of merit section on the main page for prize structure at <https://gctour.co.uk>
- **The GolfCatcher cash bonus will require the winners to sign a contract with GolfCatcher management.**

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> | £5000 |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b> | £2500 |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b> | £1000 |

- **All other prizes for the order of merit will be arranged by GolfCatcher with Callaway and Scott Readman.** When the winners are available to attend.

## Order of Merit Bonuses (cont.)

- **In the event of a tie in the order of merit final places, the result will be decided by countback.** The countback will be calculated based on the following, in the following order:
  - **Lowest score produced from each player** in any of the events they have participated in.
  - **Total birdies on their lowest card.**
  - If the above criteria does not break the tie, the second lowest score card will be used through the same format.
- **If all scores and birdie count still cannot break the tie,** those players involved will be asked to attend a venue at a date that suits all parties to play a 18 hole strokeplay shoot-out for final placings. **Sudden death tie holes if required after the 18 holes will be played.**

## Practice Rounds

- **A discounted green fee rate has been arranged for all entrants at the 4 venues.** Please contact the venue directly for prices and availability. The venue will have an up to date list of all players that have paid and entered the event.
- **It is at the venue's discretion as to when they can offer the entrant the discounted rate** for the practice round.

## Tour Schedule

**23RD OCTOBER 2020**

LUTON HOO HOTEL, GOLF & SPA

**27TH OCTOBER 2020**

HARLEYFORD GOLF CLUB

**30TH OCTOBER 2020**

CUMBERWELL PARK GOLF CLUB

**3RD NOVEMBER 2020**

CLEVEDON GOLF CLUB

## Pre-Qualification Schedule

**22ND OCTOBER 2020**

LUTON HOO HOTEL, GOLF & SPA

**26TH OCTOBER 2020**

HARLEYFORD GOLF CLUB

**29TH OCTOBER 2020**

CUMBERWELL PARK GOLF CLUB

**2ND NOVEMBER 2020**

CLEVEDON GOLF CLUB

## Player Responsibilities

- Upon registration to an event, **all players are asked to post on their social media platforms** about entering The GolfCatcher Tour. This is not compulsory but a request to help the growth of the tour for future events.
- **All players and caddies must play by The Rules of Golf set down by The R&A**, and behave in a manner that will not be a detriment to The GolfCatcher Tour brand.
- **Players must be at their allocated tee 10 mins before their tee time** to report to the starter.
- **Players that are not present** when their name is called on the tee **will incur a 2-shot penalty.**
- **Players who miss their tee time are at risk of disqualification** and forfeiting their entry fee.
- The **clock provided by the tour** on the tee **is deemed as the official time.**
- Players are asked to play **'Ready Golf'** and **keep within the recommended playing times** for each hole.
- **Failure to keep to the prescribed pace of play may incur fines** and if still not adhered to penalty strokes may result in disqualification. (see 'Recommended Timings & Slow Play' section below).
- **Players must have a maximum of 14 clubs in their bags.**
- **Players must play the same brand and model of ball for the entire round.**
- **Players must have a personalised marking on their ball.**
- **Any balls without a personalised marking will be at risk of being declared lost**, should any dispute of ownership occur even if the brand and model match that of the players ball in question.

## Player Responsibilities (cont.)

- **GPS distance measuring devices are permitted** for use during the tournament.
- **Devices with slope/gradient functionality must have this switched off during both the pre-qualification event and main event.** The GolfCatcher Tour's rules team will be carrying out spot checks of player's devices during play. **If any player is found using this function during the tournament, they will be disqualified and banned from further entry into any GolfCatcher Tour events.**
- **Mobile phones are strictly forbidden for use during tournament** play unless being used to contact the tournament office for a rule official or as a timer for a lost ball. Players in breach of this rule will be disqualified.
- **Electric and push trolleys are permitted for both the pre-qualification events and the main event,** but drive on buggies of any nature are not permitted.
- **Players and caddies must replace all divots, rake bunkers, repair pitch marks and treat the host clubs' course with the utmost respect.** Failure to do so may result in a fine set by the Tournament Director.
- **Players must at all times treat The GolfCatcher Tour's staff in a respectful manner.** Rules officials and The Tournament Director will not tolerate abusive language or behaviour. Their decision in any situation is final at the time.
- **Appeals may be made regarding any decision made, but must be done before completion of the tournament,** directly to the Tournament Director.
- **It is the player's responsibility to inform The GolfCatcher Tour of any pre-existing medical conditions** they may have so that onsite medics can be informed before commencement of play.
- **All players are required to dress appropriately** at all times during play and in the venue's clubhouse.

## Recommended Timings & Slow Play

- **The GolfCatcher Tour will be played in line with a 'Ready Golf' approach.** Due care and diligence must be taken to ensure that multiple players are not hitting at one time.
- All players within their group are responsible to keep their **pace of play with the group ahead of them.**
- **4 hrs 45 mins is the recommended time for completion** of the 18-hole pre-qualification event and the main event for each group.
- Each group should aim to play each hole in a total time of; **17 minutes (Par 5), 14 minutes (Par 4) and 12 minutes (Par 3).**
- If rule officials identify either a slow group or player, they will be told by the official that they are being monitored. From this point the rule officials' timings are official and not that of the players.
- A rule official will then if necessary, provide either the group or player an official 1st warning.
- **Continued slow play after the 1st warning will result in a 2nd warning along with a £20 fine and 1 shot penalty.**
- If after a 2nd warning, the pace of play has not improved or is happening further into the round, **a 3rd and final warning along with a £40 fine and 2 shot penalty will be given.**
- After the 3rd and final warning a player will be disqualified from the tournament.

**ALL FINES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE PLAYER LEAVES THE EVENT.** ALL MONEY THAT IS RECEIVED BY THE GOLFCATCHER TOUR THROUGH FINES WILL BE **DONATED TO OUR PARTNER CHARITY** BATTLEBACK GOLF.



## Appeals

- **Any appeal of any ruling must be done directly to the Tournament Director** before the player signs their card upon completion of the round.
- During play, if a rule official gives a decision that the player is unhappy with, they may **ask another rule official for a second ruling.**
- **All rulings made by either the rule officials on course or the Tournament Director**, once an incident has been presented to them, will be worked through diligently until a final decision is reached.
- **The GolfCatcher Tour strongly advises players if in doubt of any ruling or incident to contact a rule official.** Decisions made by players even if unanimous by the group can be overturned by the Tournament Director if an incorrect ruling has occurred.
- **Any complaints by a player must be made to the Tournament Director.**

## Safety Policy

- All entrants are solely responsible to ensure that they have **up to date golf insurance before commencement of play.**
- During the tournament if any **lightning or thunderstorms** are within the deemed proximity of the venue, **a single 15 second air horn** will signal players to mark their balls as stated in The Rules of Golf and **find safe shelter.**
- Commencement of play when the **electrical storm passes** will be signalled by **two continuous 15 second blasts from the air horn.**
- **If the weather is severe enough** through flooding of the greens or dangerous high winds etc. that play has to be suspended, **players must leave the course and return to the clubhouse where the tournament register will be read by the Tournament Director.** Tournament officials will let all groups know that play has been suspended and continuous **short blasts of the air horn will be used for 30 seconds.**
- Once it is deemed that play can be started again, players will be given appropriate time to return to their holes. **Once everyone is placed, a single 15 second blast from the air horn will indicate commencement of play.**

## Tournament Cancellations

- **The GolfCatcher Tour reserves the right to cancel any of their events where it is deemed necessary.**
- Should this happen, **all entrants will receive a 100% refund of their entry money.**
- If an event must be cancelled due to course closure (e.g. weather), **The GolfCatcher Tour will try to reschedule** or find an alternative venue for the same date.
- **All players within the field must play all 18 holes for the tournament to be completed.**
- **The GolfCatcher Tour reserves the right to complete and continue any of its events across a second day due to adverse weather conditions.** All players upon entering agree to make themselves available if needed.

## Media

- **By players agreeing to the T&Cs of The GolfCatcher Tour, players are agreeing that all images and footage taken over the duration of the tournament may be used across all media platforms** including but not limited to social media, video, television and branding of The GolfCatcher Tour.
- **The GolfCatcher Tour holds the rights of all media produced.**
- **Players may use any images they wish from The GolfCatcher Tour's social media posts.**
- **All media produced may be shared and used in conjunction with 3rd party companies** which The GolfCatcher Tour feels appropriate to help and promote the growth of the tour.

