



## **ANTI-CORRUPTION AND BETTING POLICY FOR COMPETITORS AND CADDIES - 2025**

### **Introduction**

In recent years a number of sports have experienced problems with match-fixing, match-manipulation, betting-related corruption, or inappropriate betting by participants or other people connected to the sport. Multiple players have been sanctioned by professional golf tours in recent years for betting on the sport.

R&A Championships Limited ("The R&A") will continue to work collaboratively with all relevant stakeholders, including Competitors, Caddies, Officials and Employees to do what is necessary and proportionate to protect the integrity of The Open and everyone involved in The Open, and to ensure that there are no actual or perceived integrity issues.

The purpose of this Anti-Corruption and Betting Policy for Competitors and Caddies (the "Policy") is to set out binding standards of conduct to protect the integrity of The Open.

Competitors and Caddies should also be aware that The R&A works closely with the Gambling Commission of Great Britain ("GCGB") together with organisations who monitor global golf betting markets for potential integrity breaches. As a consequence of the contractual arrangements in place between the GCGB and licensed betting operators, the GCGB is duty bound to inform The R&A of any potential violations of the Policy by Competitors or Caddies, which includes reporting any suspicious betting activity.

Please read this Policy carefully. Compliance with it is a condition of entry for participation in The 153<sup>rd</sup> Open and all of the Regional and Final Qualifying Events for The Open. References to "The Open" in this Policy shall include Regional and Final Qualifying.

If you have any specific enquiries about the Policy, please contact Johnnie Cole-Hamilton, Executive Director – Championships, either by email ([integrity@randa.org](mailto:integrity@randa.org)) or by telephone (01334 460000).

### **The Policy**

1. No Competitor or Caddie shall either directly or indirectly bet or instruct any other person to bet on the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of The Open (or any part thereof). A bet shall include any form of wager, bet, or financial speculation (including spread betting or so-called "novelty bets").
2. Competitors and Caddies must ensure that any account with a Betting Operator in their name is not used by any other person to bet on any aspect of The Open. All bets placed using an account with a Betting Operator shall be presumed to be for the benefit of the named account holder.

3. No Competitor or Caddie may directly or indirectly use or provide to any other person Inside Information relating to any aspect of The Open (or any part thereof). Inside Information is any information about The Open, including the participation or performance of a Competitor, which is within their knowledge by virtue of their participation in The Open, which is not publicly available and is information which is, or could reasonably be anticipated to be, used for betting purposes.
4. No Competitor or Caddie may manipulate or influence the outcome or attempt to influence the outcome of any aspect of The Open.
5. A Competitor or Caddie who suspects any activity that could amount to a contravention of this Policy, including approaches by a third party, must report (as soon as possible) full details of that activity to Mr. Johnnie Cole-Hamilton, Executive Director – Championships, either by email to [integrity@randa.org](mailto:integrity@randa.org) or in person.
6. Each Competitor shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that their Caddie is aware of and understands the Policy and complies with it. A Competitor shall be responsible for any actions of their Caddie which contravenes the Policy. Therefore, any breach of the Policy by a Caddie shall be considered as a breach of the Policy by the Competitor they caddie for.
7. It shall be a breach of the Policy for any Competitor or Caddie to solicit, offer, induce, entice, instruct, persuade, encourage, pay for and/or facilitate a breach of this Policy by another Competitor or Caddie.
8. Each Competitor and/or Caddie shall provide upon request by The R&A, full access to and copies of any records, documents or information (including any stored on electronic/communication devices) that are relevant to any activity carried out by the Competitor or Caddie which is or may amount to a breach of the Policy and/or which is reasonably required by The R&A to investigate such activity. Each Competitor and/or Caddie shall co-operate in full with any investigation and/or any action that is carried out in relation to an alleged breach of the Policy. Any information (including personal data) obtained by The R&A pursuant to such a request shall be kept private and confidential and used only for the purposes of enforcement of the Policy, save that The R&A reserves the right to disclose any such information to any professional tour which the Competitor is a member of, any agent of the Competitor, the Police and other regulatory bodies (including the GCGB) and third party professional advisers of The R&A.
9. The duty of a Competitor or Caddie to co-operate fully with any investigation includes not obstructing or delaying any investigation as well as, without limitation, concealing, tampering with or destroying any record, document, or information that may be relevant to such an investigation.
10. If it is determined that a breach of the Policy has taken place, The R&A reserves the right to disqualify the relevant Competitor or Caddie and/or reject an entry into The Open from that Competitor or Caddie in that, or any subsequent year.

11. A breach of this Policy may also be a criminal offence or a breach of other applicable rules or regulations, such as (without limitation) the DP World Tour Integrity Programme or the PGA Tour Integrity Program. This policy is intended to supplement such laws and regulations. In the event that a breach of this policy also constitutes a breach of either the DP World Tour Integrity Programme or the PGA Tour Integrity Program, The R&A and/or The DP World Tour and/or the PGA Tour (as appropriate) shall agree between them which of them will take action (and where applicable in which order).

Thank you in advance for your understanding of and support for this Policy.

**MARK DARBON**

Chief Executive

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