



World Schools Golf Championship

14th - 16th SEPTEMBER 2026

EVENT HANDBOOK

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Welcome to The Home of Golf and the third edition of the World Schools Golf Championship. We are delighted your school has chosen to be part of an international event which showcases the talent, diversity and sportsmanship of young golfers worldwide.

Over three days of tournament play, student golfers will compete at three iconic golf courses with spectacular scenery. We believe engaging in competition provides valuable lessons for students, presenting an opportunity to work individually and as part of a team, to lead, and to conduct themselves with grace, dignity and pride in both victory and defeat.

The World School Games aims to provide students with an opportunity to express themselves, meet new friends and to compete in an environment that embraces the positive aspects of competition and sport.

Please familiarise yourself with the below day by day overview schedule ahead of the event.

Date	Time	Events	Location
Sunday 14 th Sept	15:00	Hotel check in opens	Premier Inn Dundee Centre
	18:00	Welcome & Event Registration	Apex Hotel Dundee
	18:30 – 19:15	Pre-event Media	
	19:15 – 20:30	Welcome Reception & Dinner	

Monday 14 th September	Round 1 – Ladybank Golf Club		
	06:30	Breakfast	Premier Inn Dundee Centre
	07:15	Bus departs for course	
	07:45	Arrival & warm-ups	Ladybank Golf Club
	08:45	Briefing & walk to designated start tee	
	09:00	Golfers tee off (Shotgun Start)	
	13:00	Round ends & lunch in clubhouse	
	14:30	Bus departs for St Andrews	St Andrews
	15:00	Free time in St Andrews	
	19:30	Buses depart for hotel	



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Tuesday 15 th September	Round 2 – Fairmont St Andrews (Kittocks Course)		
	06:30	Breakfast	Premier Inn Dundee Centre
	07:15	Bus 1 departs for course	
	From 07:45	Arrival & warm-ups	Fairmont St Andrews (Kittocks Course)
	08:15	Bus 2 departs for course	
	From 09:00	Golfers tee off (1 st Tee)	
	09:15	Bus 3 departs for course	
	From 13:30	Round ends & lunch in clubhouse	
	15:00	Bus 1 departs for hotel	
	16:15	Bus 2 departs for hotel	
	17:15	Bus 3 departs for hotel	

Wednesday 16 th September	Day 3 – Fairmont St Andrews (Torrance Course)		
	06:30	Breakfast	Premier Inn Dundee City Centre
	07:15	Bus 1 departs for course	
	From 07:45	Arrival & Warm-ups	
	08:15	Bus 2 departs for course	Fairmont St Andrews (Torrance Course)
	From 09:00	Golfers tee off (1 st & 10 th)	
	From 13:30	Round ends & lunch in clubhouse	
	15:30	Awards ceremony	
	16:30	Buses depart for hotel	

Key Contact Information

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Event Information

Venues

The Tournament will take place across three venues listed below:

- Day 1: Ladybank Golf Club (KY15 7RA)
- Day 2: Kittocks – Fairmont St Andrews (KY16 8PN)
- Day 3: Torrance – Fairmont St Andrews (KY16 8PN)

Accommodation

Travelling students and accompanying staff or parents (where applicable) will be accommodated in Premier Inn Dundee Centre hotel (DD1 4XA) and will have access to the Tournament Shuttle Bus on each day of competition.

Safety and Security

- Safety of all participants is of paramount importance – WSG Events and three tournament courses will do all they can to ensure participant safety at all times. Comprehensive risk assessments of accommodation, transport, organised activities, as well as each facility used for the event will be conducted and will be available upon request to all lead staff members.
- Insurance of individual participants is the responsibility of each participating school and a policy must be taken out and purchased.
- All students, staff and supporters are required to acknowledge the Codes of Conduct listed on page 6.

Supporters and Spectators

- Supporters and/or spectators are welcome to attend. Please inform your World School Games account manager of the expected number of supporters/spectators.
- Spectators and supporters not included on an accommodation package must arrange their own transportation to/from the event unless previously arranged with your account manager.

Golfers Briefing

- A short briefing will take place at the opening ceremony, ahead of tournament play commencing on Monday 14th September.
- Any rule changes/amendments will be clarified by email ahead of the event and will also be repeated at the briefing, giving golfers ample opportunity to ask questions ahead of the competition.

Event Results

Results will be recorded and communicated to team members and spectators as quickly as possible during the Games using the Official Tournament App. All event results, as well as selected interviews and media coverage, will be displayed on the WSG Events social media



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channels and website – <http://wsgevents.com/>.

Event Format & Rules

The World Schools Golf Championship 2026 will follow the general rules outlined by WSG Events. A breakdown of the key tournament rules & format can be found below:

Age Categories

- **Junior** (Boys & Girls): *Students born after 1st September 2011 (14 & under)*
- **Senior** (Boys & Girls): *Students born prior to 1st September 2011 (15 & over)*
- **Teachers** (Male & Female): *Open to all accompanying teachers*

Event Format (Singles Competition)

- Scratch Competition. Scoring based on individuals' 54-hole gross score.
- Handicap Competition. Scoring based on individuals' 54-hole stableford score.

Please refer to page 6 (awards and trophies) for a full breakdown of awards and trophies per age category and gender.

Event Format (Team Competition)

- Teams consist of a minimum three players from the same school (male and/or female – any combination of gender and age).
- Teachers scores are included in the team event.
- The top three Stableford scores for each round will be combined to establish each team's score for that round.
- Scoring based on team' cumulative Stableford points from all three rounds.
- In the event of a tie, the overall winner will be determined by the highest score in the final round, second round and first round (in that order).

Administration & Officials

The World School Games will be responsible for the administration of the tournament.

The World School Games will provide a Head Official to enforce and advise competitors regarding tournament rules. The Head Official, in consultation with Tournament Committee, will adjudicate any protests, claims, questions, or doubts arising from the tournament and the decision shall be final

Event Rules & Conditions of Play

- WSG Golf is a shotgun start on the first day of competition – golfers will start at the same time, but on different tees. Players must report to their designated tee 10 minutes prior to the start of play.
- On Day 2, there will be staggered tee times from 9am on the Kittocks course at



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Fairmont St Andrews. All golfers will start on the first tee at their allocated time.

- On Day 3, there will be staggered tee times from 9am on the Torrance course at Fairmont St Andrews. Golfers will start from either the first or tenth tee at their allocated time.
- If any school has less than three individuals, these individuals will compete in the Singles competitions only.
- All players will play 54 holes stroke play, with gross scores counting towards the individual scratch competition and stableford scores contributing towards the individual handicap competition and team event.
- All players must have (and be able to present evidence of) an official WHS golf handicap. All golfers must provide evidence of official handicap and all handicaps will be verified at the welcome reception on Sunday 14th September or ahead of round 1 on Monday 14th September. Handicaps will remain unchanged for each of the three rounds.
- Physical scorecards will be provided for each round. Players will be responsible for marking cards of other players within their group.
- At each course, players will play on the following tees:
 - Ladybank Golf Club: Yellow Tees (Senior Male), Red Tees (Junior Male & Female)
 - Fairmont St Andrews: Yellow Tees (Senior Male), Red Tees (Junior Male & Female)
- A course marshal will be assigned to each group for their round who can assist with rulings on course. Each marshal will also mark a scorecard for the group however all players are still required to mark scorecards.
- A head referee will be contactable throughout each day via on course marshals of the competition in the event of any disputes.
- Ties for the individual competitions will be determined by card count-back, starting with the golfer's overall score on Day 3, followed by holes 10-18. If it is still a tie hole by hole count back a tie will be declared.
- If a tie arises for the team event the winner shall be decided by the Tournament Committee. The decision of the Tournament Committee is final and binding.
- The Tournament Committee wishes to draw the attention of all participants to the rules regarding slow play and undue delay. A group will first be put on the clock and issued a warning before a 2 strokes penalty will be given to those offending individuals and if repeated the player in question will be disqualified.
- A quadruple bogey is the maximum score that can be recorded on any hole in both the scratch and handicap events – please see below for guidance:
 - **Par 5s:** should a golfer **exceed 8 strokes** on any hole they should pick up their ball immediately and record a 9.
 - **Par 4s:** should a golfer **exceed 7 strokes** on any hole to they should pick up their ball immediately and record a 8.
 - **Par 3s:** should a golfer **exceed 6 strokes** on any hole to they should pick up their ball immediately and record a 7.
- Dress code: Participants not properly attired will not be allowed to play on the course. Sport shirts with collar, golf shirts, golf skirts, or trousers and proper golf required.
- Parents & spectators are allowed on the course to watch but must remain respectful





to all golfers stay out with the fairways and greens.

- Professional caddies are permitted however these must be booked in advance in conjunction with the tournament organisers and host courses.
- External caddies or parent/supporter caddies are not permitted.
- Push or electric trolleys are permitted to be used for the duration of the competition.
- Buggies will not be permitted for use by participants during the competition.
- Protests: Disputes or protests must be made in writing and be lodged with the Head Referee within 10 minutes of the completion of the competitor's round.
- Local course rules will apply regarding penalty areas and drop zones are available on the scorecards provided and will be applied in conjunction with official 'R&A Rules of Golf' which are available via <https://www.randa.org/rog/the-rules-of-golf>.
- Professional caddies are permitted

Awards & Trophies

Awards will be presented at the end of the final day at Fairmont St Andrews and may be kept by the participating schools/players.

Team Awards

- A trophy will be awarded to the top team with the most cumulative Stableford points from all three rounds.

Individual Junior Awards

- Scratch Competition: Juniors with the lowest, second lowest and third lowest 54-hole gross score will receive an award. There will be separate awards for both boys and girls in the scratch event (separate competitions/fields).
- Handicap Competition: Juniors with the highest, second highest and third highest 54-hole stableford score will receive an award. Boys and girls will compete in the same stableford competition, however there will be an award presented for the highest scoring girl overall.

Individual Senior Awards

- Scratch Competition: Seniors with the lowest, second lowest and third lowest 54-hole gross score will receive an award. There will be separate awards for both boys and girls in the scratch event (separate competitions/fields).
- Handicap Competition: Seniors with the highest, second highest and third highest 54-hole stableford score will receive an award. Boys and girls will compete in the same stableford competition, however there will be an award presented for the highest scoring girl overall.

Individual Teacher Awards

- Scratch Competition: The teacher with the lowest 54-hole gross score will receive an award. There will be a separate award for both male and female in the scratch event (separate competitions/fields).
- Handicap Competition: The teacher with the highest 54-hole stableford score will receive an award. Males and females will compete in the same competition for the stableford event.





Participation Awards

- All participants will receive a bespoke WSG Golf participation medal for their efforts across the three days.

Safety and Athlete Welfare

Codes of Conduct

By attending The World Schools Golf Championship, individuals agree to abide by the Codes of Conduct as outlined below.

There are codes for players, spectators, parents, team members and team officials. Participating schools must ensure that all students, coaches, spectators and parents have read and acknowledged the relevant codes.

Should any spectators, teachers, team members break these codes of conduct, there may be consequences, including but not limited to the individuals involved not being able to attend in future years.

Safeguarding

A full safeguarding policy has been completed for the World School Golf Championships and a Safeguarding officer has been appointed. Please contact us if you would like to see a copy of this or would like the details of the designated Safeguarding officer.

Team Officials' Code of Behaviour

- Ensure that your behaviour at all times, whether at or away from the playing venue, does not bring the name of "School Sport" into disrepute.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of officials.
- Compliment participants on their efforts.
- Condemn unsporting behavior.
- Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behavior.
- Maintain a standard of dress appropriate to the presentation of the team.
- Refrain from over-zealous coaching of your students.
- Refrain from smoking and consuming alcohol at any time while in the supervision of students.
- Please note that the supervision, safety and wellbeing of all students is the responsibility of the accompanying teachers and team officials.

Players' Code of Behaviour

- Be a good sport
- Play for enjoyment
- Strive for personal excellence
- Play by the rules





- Cooperate with team and game officials
- Control your behaviour on and off the course
- Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement
- Do not show any dissent
- Respect the accommodation and venue
- Do not disturb others after lights out
- Keep your living space tidy

Spectators' Code of Behaviour

- Encourage participation of your (and all) athletes
- Be courteous in your communication with players, team officials, marshals, sport administrators and other parents
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty
- Make all other parents feel welcome on all occasions
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events
- Respect the officials and team leaders; if they ask you to do something, please do so
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour – remember children play for enjoyment
- Do not let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment
- Let game officials & event staff conduct events without interference
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause. Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters
- Respect the officials and team leaders; if they ask you to do something, please do so

Breach of the Codes

Team Members

A breach of this code of behaviour, in the opinion of team officials, may result in the player being banned from the remainder of the event and may also result in the player being sent home by the first available transport. Parents and the athlete's school will be notified. Any additional expense incurred will be the responsibility of the parents. Further disciplinary action may be considered depending on the seriousness of the breach.

Parents and Spectators

A breach of this code of behaviour, in the opinion of Tournament Director, may result in the individual being banned from the remainder of the event and future events. Any additional expense incurred will be the responsibility of the individual concerned. Further action may be taken against the school depending on the nature of the breach.

Changes to the Programme or Rules

The World School Games organizing committee has the right to make changes to the programme, rules or any other aspect of The World School Games as it deems fit and or necessary for clarity or safety. Any changes will be communicated to all lead staff in writing at the same time.





Closing Remarks

We thank all athletes, coaches, spectators and officials for their efforts throughout the build up to the World School Golf Championships 2026.

Next year's edition will take place in September 2027, with exact dates and courses to be confirmed in due course.

The World School Games organising committee is prioritising places for next year to those schools represented at this year's event with an exclusive window to secure your place.

Yours in Sport,

The World School Games Organising Committee

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