

The Amateur Championship Qualifying & Stroke Play Rounds

Royal Liverpool Golf Club (Hoylake) | 15-20 June 2026

Links Manager

James Bledge

- Years at Royal Liverpool: 4.5
- Years as Links Manager: 4.5
- Previous Courses: Dumfries & Galloway GC, Miklagard Golf Oslo, Gullane GC, Kingsbarns Golf Links, PGA National of Sweden, gWest, and Royal Cinque Ports GC
- Education: NC, HNC, HND, FTMI
- Professional Tournaments Hosted: Amateur Championship, Boys Amateur Championship, Senior Amateur Championships, English Amateur Championship, Final Open Qualifying x 4, The 151st Open Championship

Other Key Greenkeeping Personnel

Agronomy Employees: 12

Tournament Volunteers: 7

Course Architect

Chambers & Morris and then Harry Colt

Year of Construction: 1869

Renovations: Martin Ebert. Most notable the par 3 15th 'Little Eye' in 2020

Tournament Set-Up

- Par: 71
- Yardage: 7,383

Turfgrass

- Greens: Fescue Bent at 4mm
- Approaches: Fescue Bent at 7.5mm
- Tees: Fescue at 7.5mm
- Fairways: Fescue at 12mm
- Rough: Fescue at 1.5"

Course Statistics

- Average Green Size: 560m²
- Total Property Hectares: 80
- Hectares of Fairway: 31
- Hectares of Rough: 4
- Number of Sand Bunkers: 79
- Number of Water Hazards: 0
- Number of Holes Water is in Play: 0
- Soil conditions: Sand
- Water sources: Borehole, 28,000m³

Notable

- 1st and 16th holes play around an old horse racing track with internal out of bounds. First 7 holes play on the flat before heading up into the dunes.
- Dry springs make for an extremely difficult at the start of the season.
- Very dry and hydrophobic site.
- Windy site which makes bunker prep challenging.
- Mix of Toro and John Deere machinery.
- Breeding grounds of the rare and protected Natterjack Toad.
- 25 minutes from Liverpool City Centre, a city famous for culture, football and music.
- Course has hosted 13 Open Championships and multiple other major championships including Women's Opens and Walker Cups. This will be their 19th time hosting the Amateur Championship.