

Scottish Men's Amateur Championship

Royal Aberdeen Golf Club | July 28 - August 1 2026

Course Manager

Richard Johnstone MG

- Years at Royal Aberdeen: 2
- Years as Course Manager: 10
- Previous Courses: Nairn Dunbar (2000-2023)
- Hometown: Nairn
- Education: Master Greenkeeper, HND Golf Course Management, HNC Golf Course Management, CMAE MDP 1&2, BASIS Certification
- Professional Tournaments Hosted: The Boys Amateur Championship, The PGA Northern Open, Scottish Boys Amateur Championship, World One Armed Golf Championship, Scottish Ladies Strokeplay

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

- Deputy Course Manager: Steve Frost
- First Assistant Greenkeeper: Euan Polson
- Golf Course Mechanic: Kenny Skea
- Senior Greenkeeper: Owen Mackay
- Assistant Greenkeepers: Stephen Watson, Lindsay Skea, Connor Lindsay, Willie Mackenzie
- Apprentice Greenkeeper: Adam Giles
- Part-Time Seasonal Course Workers: Innes Harper, Harry Stott, Callum Patterson

Agronomy Employees: 13

Tournament Volunteers: 2

Course Architect

Archie and Robert Simpson (1888, but club originated in 1780)

Renovations: Donald Steel, Martin Hawtree, Martin Ebert

Tournament Set-Up

- Par: 71
- Yardage: 6,922

Turfgrass

- Greens: Bent / Poa Annua / Fescue - 4mm
- Approaches: Bent / Poa Annua / Fescue - 6mm
- Tees: Fescue / Bent / Dwarf Ryegrass - 8mm
- Fairways: Fescue / Bent - 11mm
- Semi Rough: Fescue / Bent - 32mm
- Rough - Indigenous Grasses & Wildflowers - 57mm

Course Statistics

- Average Green Size: 600m²
- Total Property Acres: 160
- Acres of Fairway: 9ha
- Number of Sand Bunkers: 96
- Number of Water Hazards: 3+
- Number of Holes Water is in Play: 3 x burns on 3 holes. Course runs along the coast so for most of the front 9 holes the beach and North Sea can come into play
- Soil Conditions: Sandy Loam
- Water Sources: Bore Holes x2

Notable

- Royal Aberdeen is the 6th oldest golf club in the world
- GEO Certified
- Won the BIGGA Greenkeeping Project of the Year 2026 Award at the BIGGA Awards at BTME in January