

# 5 Questions about playing St Andrews Old Course

## 01

### DO YOU NEED A HANDICAP TO PLAY THE OLD COURSE?

There are strict handicap restrictions for golfers wishing to play the Old Course. The handicap limit is 36 for both men and ladies. All golfers must provide a current handicap card or certificate at the time of play.

There are 4 ways :-

- Authorised Providers of Old Course tee times
- Private advanced tee times (now closed for 2023)
- Old Course Ballot
- Single Player

## 02

### HOW DO YOU GET A ST ANDREWS OLD COURSE TEE TIME?

An Authorised Provider offers packages, including guaranteed Old Course tee times, throughout high season (April – October). They can be recognised by the official 'Authorised Provider' logo displayed on their websites. We are proud to be an Authorised Provider.

## 03

### WHAT IS AN AUTHORISED PROVIDER?

The Ballot is drawn 48 hours in advance of play and golfers should provide their names, home club and handicaps either online, by phone or at one of the clubhouses before 2pm, two days before the day they wish to play. To enter there must be a minimum of two and a maximum of four players.

## 04

### WHAT IS THE OLD COURSE BALLOT SYSTEM?

No - minimum of 2 players is required to enter the ballot. Single golfers should check in at the Old Pavilion on the day of play. There is no obligation on the existing golfers to make up a four-ball but common practice is that single golfers are warmly welcomed. There are no guarantees single players will secure a tee time.

## 05

### CAN A SINGLE PLAYER ENTER THE BALLOT?