

# 146th Open - Round Three Course Set Up Notes



**Tees, Fairways and Rough**

Tees cut height 7mm. Fairways cut height 11mm.  
 First cut rough (approximate width 3 metres) cut height 37mm just prior to Championship; second cut rough (approximate width 3 metres), last cut at 75mm in mid June. Uncut rough beyond.

**Greens**

The greens are a fescue and brown top bent grass dominant blend. Green preparation for Saturday - to be confirmed.

**Approaches/Surrounds**

Approaches/surrounds cut at 8mm, and are similar firmness to the greens.

**Additional Information**

Course Manager - Chris Whittle (3rd Open at Royal Birkdale as Course Manager (1998, 2008, 2017), also did one Open at Muirfield as Course Manager (1992)). Birkdale has a permanent greenstaff of 11 looking after 18 holes. Assistance is also provided by the Royal Birkdale Artisans Golf Club. For The Open, the total greenstaff is 34. This includes a greenkeeper from each of the other 9 Open Championship venues, 3 R&A greenkeeping scholars and others from local Clubs. There are 123 bunkers on course.

**Total Course Yardage for Round Three (tee marker settings to flagstick)**

7027 yards (as compared to the full yardage of 7156 yards)

**Hole-by-Hole Information**

Hole	Full Yardage	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Comment on Hole for Round Three
1	448	435	448	445		First right side hole position of the championship for the 1st hole
2	422	414	408	427		Long left hole position in a slight bowl
3	451	454	448	460		Long right hole position brings the back run offs into play
4	199	193	198	182		Front hole position brings the front bunker into play
5	346	329	354	310		Tee is moved up making this a very driveable par 4 - tight left hole position will be difficult to access if players lay up in the fairway
6	499	490	485	489		Tee moved to the back tee
7	177	164	181	156		Right side forward tee used for the first time which opens up a difficult back left hole position
8	458	466	451	451		Hole positioned just beyond the front right slope
9	416	401	414	420		Accessible hole position brings the back run off into play
10	402	402	392	391		Front left hole position just beyond the front slope
11	436	437	434	434		Accessible central hole position along the central spine will require judgement of pace with putts
12	183	175	168	185		Back right hole position brings the right side bank very much into play
13	499	505	495	507		
14	200	188	193	168		Short tee used for a testing short right hole position just beyond the bunker
15	542	539	536	536		Front right hole position on the right ridge
16	438	420	445	433		
17	567	556	576	563		Middle tier left hole position brings both left side bunkers into play
18	473	473	462	470		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7156</b>	<b>7041</b>	<b>7088</b>	<b>7027</b>	<b>0</b>	